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St. Louis, Missouri

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 16, 1918

MONDAY, September 16, 1918, 9 A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication.

Upon the call of the roll the following members were present:

OFFICERS.

FRANK C. GOUDY.....Grand Sire.
HENRY V. BORST.....Deputy Grand Sire.
JOHN B. GOODWIN.....Grand Secretary, Past Grand Sire.
WM. H. COX .....Grand Treasurer.
J. EDW. KROH.....Assistant Grand Secretary.
WINN POWERS .....Grand Marshal.
J. A. LUCAS .....Grand Chaplain.
A. E. GIPSON .....Grand Guardian.
O. C. BLACK .....Grand Messenger.

And Grand Representatives from thirty-six Grand Lodges and thirty-two Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

John G. Belt, P. G. M.	Arizona.
Roy Milum, P. G. M.	Arkansas.
W. Hogg, P G. M.	British Columbia.
Louis A. Van Tilborg, P. G. M.	Colorado.
Philip Pond, P. G. M., P. G. Rep.	Connecticut.
C. Frank Davidson, P. G. Rep.	Delaware.
John H. Wood, P. G. M.	District of Columbia.
C. D. Rinehart, P. G. P., P. G. Rep.	Florida.
Homer R. McClatchey, P. G. M.	Georgia.
Frank Martin, P. G. M., P. G. Rep.	Idaho.
Jesse Macbeth, P. G. M.	Indiana.
John E. Brooks, P. G. M.	Kansas.
J. Whit Potter, P. G. M.	Kentucky.
A. F. Barrow, P. G. Rep.	Louisiana.
Fred. C. Hamilton, P. G. M.	Manitoba.
George W. Whitman, P. G.	Maritime Provinces.
L. J. Eastin, P. G. M.	Missouri.
E. H. Goodman, P. G. M.	Montana.
Chas. S. Nichols, P. G.	Nevada.
Charles S. Emerson, P. G. M.	New Hampshire.
William T. Robbins, P. G. M.	New Jersey.
Victor L. Minter, P. G. M.	New Mexico.
George E. Judge, P. G. M.	New York.
Guy Weaver, P. G. M.	North Carolina.
A. J. Field, P. G. M.	North Dakota.
Frank H. Foster, P. G. M.	Ohio.
James H. Avery, P. G. Rep.	Pennsylvania.
R. McArthur, P. G. M.	Quebec.
Ellis A. Cranston, P. G. M.	Rhode Island.
Geo. Sillers, P. G. M.	Saskatchewan.
Charles Barrette, P. G. M.	South Dakota.
Chas. B. Lewis, P. G. M.	Texas.
P. P. Christensen, P. G. M.	Utah.
John G. Roy, P. G. M.	Vermont.
O. V. Hanger, P. G. M.	Virginia.
W. F. Hollister, P. G. M.	West Virginia.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

FRED J. CRAMTON, P. G. M., P. G. P., P. G. Rep.....Alabama.
GEORGE W. PARDEE, P. G. M., P. G. Rep.....Arkansas.
ROY A. PERRY, P. G.....British Columbia.
J. M. NORMAN, P. G. M.....Colorado.
JOHN P. HEINZEROTH, P. G.....Delaware.
ERNEST W. BRADFORD, P. G. P.....District of Columbia.
J. H. SHIRAH, P. G. P.....Florida.
HOMER ASHLEY, P. G. P.....Georgia.
SAMUEL WATSON, P. G. Treas.....Illinois.
W. H. LEEDY, P. G. Rep.....Indiana.
O. RAY STEVENS, P. G. P.....Kansas.
OTTO A. BREITH, P. G. M., P. G. P.....Kentucky.
J. A. HALIBURTON, P. G. P.....Louisiana.
R. H. MCKAY, P. G., P. C. P.....Maritime Provinces.
WILLIAM H. PEARCE, P. G. Rep.....Maryland.
THOMAS T. WARHAM, P. G. Scribe.....Minnesota.
OLIVER L. MCKAY, P. G. P.....Mississippi.
L. E. COY, P. G. P.....Nebraska.
P. H. MULCAHY, P. G. M., P. G. P., P. G. Rep.....Nevada.
FRANK J. PHELPS, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
ALFRED B. WILSON, P. G. P.....New Jersey.
CALEB H. BAUMES, P. G. P.....New York.
A. H. PIERCE, P. G. P.....Ohio.
SAMUEL H. POPE, P. G. P.....Pennsylvania.
EDWARD EDGERS, P. G. P.....Rhode Island.
ROBERT M. BURLINGAME, P. G. P.....South Dakota.
FRED. A. ROSENBLATT, P. G. Rep.....Tennessee.
HARRY J. EMMINS, P. G. Rep.....Texas.
WM. C. LOUHOFF, P. G. P.....Virginia.
GEORGE WILSON BLANCHARD, P. G. P.....Washington.
ALBA WOLVERTON, P. G. P.....West Virginia.
FRED. WILLIAMS, P. G. P.....Wisconsin.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

ALFRED S. PINKERTON.....Massachusetts.
E. S. CONWAY.....Illinois.
JOHN B. COCKRUM.....Indiana.
J. B. A. ROBERTSON.....Oklahoma.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Grand Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Rev. J. A. Lucas, of Illinois, Grand Chaplain, addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows:

O Lord, God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, Thou who swayest the destinies of men, we beg permission to present our petitions to Thee. We seek for divine protection and direction. We have enemies all round about us. We want to conquer them not for selfish reasons but that men everywhere may have a chance. Autocracy has made slaves of men and nations. We feel confident that this is not the divine plan. Therefore, we offer ourselves that we may overthrow this sort of government, since we believe the great God has chosen human agency for the accomplishment of the building up of a great democracy. But to accomplish the superhuman task we must have the strength of the Everlasting Arms and the wisdom of his Almightiness.

In a word, O Lord, we offer ourselves for the task but we must have Thee as our Commander. Thou hast never lost a single battle. Canst Thou not see why we seek Thy Leadership?

Our men are now dying for us. Our Allies have been brave and sacrificing to a fault. We thank Thee for help given these brave men. Stand Thou by them till the last battle is fought, the last victory won, till Berlin has been entered and the flags of the Allies have been raised over the German and Austrian capitols, rightful peace declared and our Allied troops are safely borne to their respective homes. Then may wars be no more, all peoples be made free and equal, and the God of Peace reign sweetly and supremely over the whole earth.

Bless any and all of the membership of this great Sovereign Body. May each member and officer be imbued with the spirit of our Order to the extent that he will make perfect endeavor in the practice of our principles so that not one angry word or sinister act shall be recorded in the transactions of all business during the session.

Bless our Order the world over. Keep and care for the loved ones at home. Give guidance and wisdom to the President of the United States, and the heads of all Allied Nations together with the lawmaking bodies and the general and other officers of our armies and all the sailors and soldiers, the heads of all departments and everyone who in any way contributes to the support of our nations.

We ask that all these favors be granted us for the Lord's sake. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the Grand Sire, declared The Sovereign Grand Lodge opened for business.

The chair announced the following committees:

On Credentials: Reps. Falk, of New Jersey; McKinnon, of Manitoba; Isaacs, of Washington; Hill, of Arkansas; Watson, of Illinois; Logan, of Kentucky; Gage, of Nebraska.

On Drawing for Seats: Reps. Lewis, of Texas; Greenleaf, of Nebraska; Kehlhof, of South Carolina; Nichols, of Nevada; Gordon, of Kansas; Rognlie, of North Dakota; Cranston, of Rhode Island.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Grand Representatives received from their several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials:

Report 1. By Rep. Falk, New Jersey, from the Committee on Credentials.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials of the Grand Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments and find the following correct. They, therefore, recommend that the following Grand Representatives be admitted to seats in this Sovereign Body:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

J. J. Goode, P. G. (for one year, vice Geo. Huddleston, resigned) ..... Alabama.
George Stiefelmeyer, P. G. M. ..... Alabama.
Robert A. Parker, P. G. M. (for one year) ..... Alberta.
Alf. Brown, P. G. M. ..... Alberta.
J. D. Baker, P. G. M. (for one year) ..... Arizona.
C. W. Hill, P. G. M. ..... Arkansas.
J. H. Glass, P. G. M. ..... British Columbia.
Clifton H. Connick, P. G. M. (for one year) ..... California.
Karl C. Brueck, P. G. M., P. G. Rep. ..... California.
Charles W. Varnum, P. G. M. ..... Colorado.
Wm. S. Hutchison, P. G. M., P. G. Rep. (for one year) ..... Connecticut.
Melville M. Wells, P. G. M. ..... Delaware.
W. W. Millan, P. G. M. ..... District of Columbia.
J. C. Connally, P. G. M. ..... Florida.
J. E. Bodenhamer, P. G. M. (for one year) ..... Georgia.
Geo. M. Robertson, P. G. M. (for one year) ..... Idaho.
James Ewing Davis, P. G. Rep. (for one year, vice John J. Crowder, resigned) ..... Illinois.
A. Otis Arnold, P. G. M. (for one year) ..... Illinois.
A. A. Spears, P. G. M. (for one year) ..... Indiana.
Henry F. Wagner, P. G. M., P. G. Rep. (for one year, vice Mac J. Randall, deceased) ..... Iowa.
O. H. Sweeney, P. G. M. (for one year) ..... Iowa.
W. W. Gordon, P. G. M. ..... Kansas.

W. G. Simpson, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
George M. King, P. G. Rep. (for one year).....Louisiana.
Harold James Toward, P. G., G. M. (for one year).Maine.
Leon S. Merrill, P. G. Rep.....Maine.
George T. Armstrong, P. G. M. (for one year).....Manitoba.
James A. Laidlaw, P. G. Rep.....Maritime Provinces.
E. J. C. Parsons, P. G. M. (for one year, vice John S. Green, resigned) .....Maryland.
James W. Chapman, Jr., P. G. M.....Maryland.
Henry E. Ruggles, P. G. M. (for one year).....Massachusetts.
Joseph Belcher, P. G. M.....Massachusetts.
Thos. S. Scupholm, Jr., P. G. M. (for one year)....Michigan.
Herbert A. Thompson, P. G. M.....Michigan.
Wm. M. Barber, P. G. M., P. G. Rep. (for one year, vice Frank H. Castner, deceased).....Minnesota.
Charlie Hawken Blake, P. G. M. (for one year)...Minnesota.
R. S. Brumfield, P. G. Rep. (for one year).....Mississippi.
O. U. Addison, P. G.....Mississippi.
A. G. Hartley, P. G. Rep. (for one year).....Missouri.
R. W. Kemp, P. G. (for on year).....Montana.
Sam. K. Greenleaf, P. G. Rep. (for one year).....Nebraska.
Walter V. Hoagland, P. G. M.....Nebraska.
C. R. Carter, P. G. P., P. G. M., P. G. Rep.....Nevada.
Frank M. Cilley, P. G. M. (for one year).....New Hampshire.
Charles A. Woodruff, P. G. M.....New Jersey.
J. R. Whitesides, P. G. M.....New Mexico.
Franklin P. Trautmann, P. G. M.....New York.
Calvin Woodard, P. G. M.....North Carolina.
Byron A. Fahl, P. G. M.....North Dakota.
H. W. Kuntz, P. G. M.....Ohio.
Cicero A. Skeen, P. G. M. (for one year).....Oklahoma.
A. S. J. Shaw, P. G. Rep.....Oklahoma.
L. B. Cooper, P. G. M. (for one year).....Ontario.
S. C. Parks, P. G. M.....Ontario.
Frank E. Weed, P. G. (for one year, vice Henry S. Westbrook, resigned) .....Oregon.
Geo. W. Trefren, P. G. M.....Oregon.
Wilson K. Mohr, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
P. Pergau, P. G. M.....Quebec.
William H. Lowe, P. G. M.....Rhode Island.
F. J. Walsh, P. G. M. (for one year).....Saskatchewan.
F. S. Strickland, P. G. M. (for one year).....South Carolina.
A. B. Langley, P. G. M.....South Carolina.

HENRY ROBERTSON, P. G. M. (for one year).....South Dakota.
ROBERT L. FINE, P. G. Rep. (for one year).....Tennessee.
F. M. LANE, P. G. M.....Tennessee.
W. F. BOGGESS, P. G. M.....Texas.
FRANK H. CELLVENTTRA, P. G. M.....Utah.
E. A. SPEAR, P. G. M.....Vermont.
LOUIS F. KRENNING, P. G. M.....Virginia.
E. R. ANDERSON, P. G. M. (for one year).....Washington.
H. D. MERRITT, P. G. M.....Washington.
CHAS. L. SIMPSON, P. G. M., P. G. P., P. G. Rep.....West Virginia.
A. J. INGLI, P. G. (for one year).....Wisconsin.
PAUL W. MAHONEY, P. G.....Wisconsin.
PAUL PAULSON, P. G. M., P. G. P. (for one year)....Wyoming.
FRED. C. POLL, P. G. M., P. G. P.....Wyoming.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

EUGENE E. CHANDLER, P. G. P. (for one year).....Alberta.
E. F. BOWERS, P. G. P.....Arizona.
BEN. F. BRYANT, P. G. P. (for one year).....Arkansas.
CHAS. M. HARRISON, P. C. P. (for one year).....California.
MAX KOHNER, P. G. P.....California.
LOUIS HERMAN, P. G. P. (for one year).....Colorado.
FRED. N. BUSHNELL, P. G. P. (for one year).....Connecticut.
FRANK M. CANFIELD, P. G., P. G. Rep.....Connecticut.
JAS. H. GROVES, P. G. P. (for one year).....Georgia.
PRESLEY F. HORNE, P. G. Rep. (for one year, vice Montie B. Gwinn, resigned).....Idaho.
GEO. HARRIGFELD, P. G. P., P. G. Rep. (for one year). Idaho.
M. B. HORN, P. G. P.....Illinois.
CHAS. H. ALLISON, P. G. P. (for one year).....Indiana.
JOHN T. GENEVAY, P. G. P. (for one year).....Iowa.
G. L. ARRASMITH, P. G. P.....Iowa.
ANDREW G. MUIR, P. G. P.....Kansas.
M. M. LOGAN, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
FREDERICK B. PEABODY, P. G. P. (for one year)....Maine.
WILLIS E. PARSONS, P. G. P., P. G. Rep.....Maine.
D. E. MCKINNON, P. G. Rep. (for one year).....Manitoba.
W. H. MCLEAN, P. G. P.....Manitoba.
E. H. MUNRO, P. G., P. C. P.....Maritime Provinces.
NATHAN BILLSTEIN, P. G. P.....Maryland.
FREDERICK W. PIERCE, P. G. P. (for one year).....Massachusetts.
HERBERT N. KINGSBURY, P. G. P.....Massachusetts.
FREDERICK W. MAYNE, P. G. P. (for one year).....Michigan.

RICHARD LINDSAY, P. G. P., P. G. Rep.....Michigan.
S. C. STANCHFIELD, P. G. P. (for one year).....Minnesota.
HENRY A. HAMILTON, P. G. M., P. G. P., P. G. Rep. (for one year, vice W. S. Wheeler, deceased)...Missouri.
DANIEL E. BIRD, P. G. M., P. G. Rep. (for one year)..Missouri.
DEAN W. SELFRIDGE, P. G. M., P. G. P. (for one year).....Montana.
L. LEW GRACEY, P. G. P.....Montana.
I. P. PAGE, P. G. Rep. (for one year).....Nebraska.
JAMES S. SHAW, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
OSCAR N. FALK, P. G. Rep.....New Jersey.
C. BERT SMITH, P. G. Rep.....New Mexico.
ADDISON B. PARKER, P. G. P.....New York.
J. C. BESSENT, P. G. P.....North Carolina.
G. H. NOYES, P. G. P. (for one year).....North Dakota.
PAUL B. ROGNLIE, P. G. Rep. (for one year).....North Dakota.
W. B. RODERICK, P. G. P.....Ohio.
C. F. KNEDLER, SR., P. G. P. (for one year).....Oklahoma.
H. A. HERWIG, Grand Scribe.....Oklahoma.
JOHN MCCORVIE, P. G. P. (for one year).....Ontario.
JOSEPH OLIVER, P. G. P., P. G. Rep.....Ontario.
ROBERT ANDREWS, P. G. M., P. G. P. (for one year, vice Earl A. Williams, resigned).....Oregon.
SOL. S. WALKER, P. G. P.....Oregon.
WILLIAM L. HEISTON, P. G. P.....Pennsylvania.
WM. KENNEDY, P. G. Rep. (for one year, vice A. E. Berwick, resigned).....Quebec.
WILLIAM H. DOBSON, P. G. P.....Rhode Island.
E. DAY WASHINGTON, P. G. P. (for one year).....Saskatchewan.
MAX KEHLHOF, P. G. P. (for one year).....South Carolina.
J. O. PURINTUM, P. G. P. (for one year).....South Dakota.
J. R. FISCHESSER, P. G. P.....Tennessee.
W. A. BRUMBAUGH, P. G. P.....Texas.
THOMAS REDFERN, P. G. P.....Utah.
Gerry F. Walker, P. G. P. (for one year, vice Wm. D Wilson, Jr., resigned).....Vermont.
E. E. JENNE, P. G. P. .....Vermont.
J. T. HAYNES, P. G. P.....Virginia.
E. S. ISAACS, P. G. P. (for one year) .....Washington.
H. E. RENNARD, P. G. P.....West Virginia.
GEORGE GERLACH, P. G. P.....Wisconsin.
JAMES R. LEMARR, P. G. P.....Wyoming.

Signed by the Committee.

The question being on the report, Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved that the credentials be acknowledged and the brothers be admitted to seats in The Sovereign Grand Lodge, which was agreed to.

Report 2. By Rep. Lewis, of Texas, from the Committee on Drawing for Seats.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Drawing for Seats report that they have performed their duties and the Jurisdictions are allotted seats as follows:

Alabama 20, 21, 22
Alberta 188, 189, 190
Arizona 205, 206, 207
Arkansas 94, 95, 96, 97
British Columbia 71, 72, 73
California 149, 150, 151, 152
Colorado 106, 107, 108, 109
Connecticut 156, 157, 158, 159
Delaware 68, 69, 70
District of Columbia....27, 28, 29
Florida 195, 196, 197
Georgia 168, 169, 170, 171
Idaho 36, 37, 38, 39
Illinois 90, 91, 92, 93
Indiana 40, 41, 42, 43
Iowa 74, 75, 76, 77
Kansas 60, 61, 62, 63
Kentucky 78, 79, 80, 81
Louisiana 33, 34, 35
Maine 141, 142, 143, 144
Manitoba 64, 65, 66, 67
Maritime Prov..172, 173, 174, 175
Maryland 164, 165, 166, 167
Massachusetts ..160, 161, 162, 163
Michigan 133, 134, 135, 136
Minnesota 5, 6, 7, 8
Mississippi 137, 138, 139
Missouri 184, 185, 186, 187
Montana 57, 58, 59, 140
Nebraska 1, 2, 3, 4
Nevada 118, 119, 120
New Hampshire 23, 24, 25, 26
New Jersey 191, 192, 193, 194
New Mexico 9, 10, 11
New York 125, 126, 127, 128
North Carolina 153, 154, 155
North Dakota ..110, 111, 112, 113
Ohio 114, 115, 116, 117
Oklahoma 102, 103, 104, 105
Ontario 12, 13, 14, 15
Oregon 16, 17, 18, 19
Pennsylvania 98, 99, 100, 101
Quebec 44, 45, 46
Rhode Island ...145, 146, 147, 148
Saskatchewan 54, 55, 56
South Carolina 51, 52, 53
South Dakota ..129, 130, 131, 132
Tennessee 86, 87, 88, 89
Texas. 121, 122, 123, 124
Utah 202, 203, 204
Vermont 82, 83, 84, 85
Virginia 180, 181, 182, 183
Washington 176, 177, 178, 179
West Virginia 47, 48, 49, 50
Wisconsin 198, 199, 200, 201
Wyoming 30, 31, 32

Signed by the Committee.

Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, asked permission to address the Body, which was granted and asking the attention of Grand Sire Goudy, presented to him a Service Flag to be his personal property.

In presenting this flag Rep. Varnum gave the following explanation:

This service flag contains 67,392 blue stars representing those of our soldier members whose names have been reported by their

subordinate lodge secretaries to their Grand Secretaries and by them to the Grand Sire.

Because of the difficulty in getting exact reports it is probable that less than half of our soldier members have been reported. Twelve Grand Jurisdictions are not represented in the table in the Grand Sire's report. It is not too much to say that there are enough Odd Fellow soldiers to constitute more than three full divisions of 40,000 men in each division serving in humanity's great battle for the principles on which our Order is founded.

The 1025 gold stars represent those of our soldier members who have paid with their lives the supreme sacrifice for the liberties of mankind.

These figures also include the Canadian Jurisdictions.

Grand Sire Goudy accepted the flag with appropriate remarks.

The Grand Sire announced the following appointments:

Official Reporter: R. H. Shanks, P. G. Rep., of Manitoba.
Assistant Grand Messengers: J. K. P. Neatherry, P. G. Rep., of North Carolina; C. J. Nash, P. G. Rep., of Colorado.
Assistant Grand Guardian: R. S. Fletcher, P. G. Rep., of Tennessee.

Rep. Van Tilborg, of Colorado, moved that the appointments be confirmed, which was agreed to, and the officers were assigned to their duties.

The Grand Secretary announced the following appointments:

Reading Clerk: H. C. Curran, P. G., of Kentucky.
Mailing Clerk: Richard Hoe, G. Sec., P. G. Rep., of Wisconsin.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the Session of 1917, when Rep. Mohr, of Pennsylvania, moved that the reading be dispensed with and the Journal be approved as printed, which was agreed to.

The Grand Sire submitted his annual report, which, together with the accompanying documents, was referred to the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

REPRESENTATIVES: Welcome to the Ninety-fourth Annual Communication in this, the ninety-ninth year of Odd Fellowship.

1. HISTORICAL.

Twenty-seven years ago The Sovereign Grand Lodge enjoyed the hospitality of this historic city and was presided over by our Senior Past Grand Sire Cl. T. Campbell as Acting Grand Sire.

The only other Grand Representatives of that session who are with us to-day are our genial Grand Secretary, John B. Goodwin, Past Grand Sire Alfred S. Pinkerton, Grand Representatives Montie B. Gwinn, of Idaho, and Dr. John M. Norman, of Colorado.

We are, however, favored with the presence of Grand Representative W. V. Hoagland of Nebraska, whose father J. S. Hoagland was a member of The Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1891.

In silent testimony of the majestic march of our matchless Order I call attention to the following eloquent figures:

Our subordinate lodge membership was then 649,702; now it is 1,694,090. Then we had 69,711 sisters in our Rebekah lodges; now we have 536,141. Then we paid out in relief $2,629,436.12; last year we paid out $6,509,889.65. All our activities have been more than doubled.

May the coming years bring us an even larger measure of increase in numbers, usefulness, power and influence, and may they all be used as they have been in the past for the purpose of making this world a better place in which to live.

2. WHAT ODD FELLOWSHIP IS.

Odd Fellowship is a modern institution founded to meet modern conditions of life. It is progressive in its character and aims to keep step with human progress. The purpose of its institution and the object of its existence is the relief of distress.

If we are living up to the opportunities presented by its exalted idealism, this, the coming 100th year of its existence, ought to be the most

successful the Order has ever experienced, because the opportunities for helpfulness are greater. Humanity is being more cruelly tortured by the horrors of war than it has ever been since the beginning of history. These horrors, which have been so bravely and so patiently borne by our brethren in Canada for the past four years are now beginning to be felt in the United States. Cyclonic changes are being made in the map of the world. Greater, however, than these physical changes are the changes that are being made in the lives of men and in the attitude of society toward the individual. But with all this want and woe, despair and destruction, and with all these changes, there still remains the fact of human sorrow and suffering, and the need for material assistance and sympathetic helpfulness which are the prime purposes of our Order.

3. SERVICE IN THE ORDER.

For more than forty years I have been a member of this Order. Each of these years has brought to me greater knowledge of the need of this organization, a keener insight into its objects and purposes and a higher conception of its sublime idealism.

This is the eighteenth year of my membership in The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and every year of that membership has been characterized by friendships newly made and old friendships more closely knit. Every passing year gives me a higher regard for those men who, with infinite patience and unselfish zeal, shaped and molded the legislation of our Order and administered its enormous business with a breadth of vision and a wealth of knowledge which ranks them with the world's wisest and most helpful benefactors.

The history of the world shows no parallel to this great Body, which, as a voluntary, legislative, executive and judicial organization, stands unique among the creations of man. Its decrees have never been questioned by our membership. It stands almost, if not quite, alone among governing bodies, whether voluntary or compulsory, in the fact that it has never had a rebellion or a serious disaffection in its ranks. This result is proof of the wisdom, justice and honesty of its governing body and of the loyalty of its members. Its broad beneficence and wide influence have had tremendous effect in shaping the history of this continent, and in the years to come it is safe to predict that its influence will be infinitely greater and for ever-increasing usefulness.

4. TRAVELS AND OFFICIAL VISITS.

For the past two years I have been privileged to officiate as the executive head of this wonderful institution. During that time I have written letters, literally by the thousands. I have traveled over 28,000 miles,

from Portland, Maine, on the east, to San Francisco on the west; and from Montreal on the north to New Orleans on the south.

As your representative, I have three times been called to Washington, once by Food Administrator Hoover, once by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, and once by Secretary of War Baker.

I have visited Grand Lodges, District Associations, and attended special meetings in twenty-nine Grand Jurisdictions. Besides, I have visited many subordinate and Rebekah lodges. Even so, I have failed to accomplish the ambitious program I had arranged, and I specially regret that time and strength failed so that I was not permitted to visit our stricken Jurisdiction of the Maritime Provinces and extend to our members there the sympathy and comfort of the Order at large. I had also particularly planned to visit the great and growing Jurisdictions in Western Canada where a marvelous empire is being developed, and where the principles of Odd Fellowship have taken such deep root and are being so zealously and loyally practiced. For these and all other visits I planned and have been unable to make, I can only ask pardon and say that the greatest loss has been mine. The wealth of love and affection that has been heaped upon me everywhere because of the position I held, and the solicitous care of our membership for the comfort of their Grand Sire, is but another proof of the deep hold our Order has established in the minds and hearts of our membership. May the richest blessings of this life, and of the life to come, in which we all believe, be their reward.

The years of my service have been strenuous, but delightful and pleasurable. The friendships here engendered have amply repaid me for whatever time and effort I have been permitted to devote to the work of this institution. The labors of this great office, whose manifold duties and heavy responsibilities I am about to relinquish, have been enormously increased by reason of the war legislation enacted at our last session, and the multiplied war activities which have devolved upon us. Many new and vexing problems have been presented to me, all of which, as your representative, I have endeavored to solve for the good of humanity. Whatever of success has attended my efforts during the past two years must be largely credited to that sublime idealism which has been fixed as the priceless heritage of the Order by the unselfish labors of its founders and zealous adherents. My failure to accomplish all that ought to have been done in this office must be attributed to lack of time and physical strength, or to my inability to grasp the whole aspect of the situations which have confronted me.

5. GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

Notwithstanding the unprecedented conditions arising from the war in which our brothers in Canada have been engaged for more than four years, it is a very great pleasure to be able to report that instead of

showing a decrease in membership they have actually gained in numbers as well as in a fuller realization of the beauty and glory of our work.

For this achievement, which we had all of us deemed impossible, they are entitled to the highest praise. It proves to us once again that the true place of Odd Fellowship is where there is the greatest opportunity for service.

Last year I had the pleasure of reporting a net gain of membership in the Order of 7714 brothers; this year we have a net gain of 15,779. Last year we had a net gain of 6881 sisters; this year we have 11,051.

Last year we had a loss of 227 in the encampments, while this year we can report a gain of 4287. Last year showed a loss of 348 brothers in the Rebekah branch, but this year they have redeemed themselves with an increase of 1025. Last year the Patriarchs Militant showed a net gain of 46 while this year, despite the war, their net gain is 247.

Our total membership this year is 2,230,231, being a net increase for the year of 26,830.

We have passed through great trials and have suffered much, but altogether we have a right to thank God and to take courage for meeting the greater trials and deeper suffering which we can all see that the immediate future has in store for us.

I ask each Grand Representative to study our statistical tables very carefully, and if your Jurisdiction shows a decrease that you go home to your Grand Lodge with a message to your membership of cheer and encouragement, but with a determination that your Jurisdiction, too, will show an increase during the administration of my successor. The loss in your Jurisdiction has been made up by some other Jurisdiction in order to show a net increase throughout the world.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

In my report last year I called attention to the enormous correspondence of this office, but during the past year it has been very greatly increased.

The war situation involved so many new and unsolved questions that it has been necessary to correspond more freely than ordinarily with all the officers of the Order. Absence from my office on official business has made it impossible to answer all questions as promptly as I would have liked, but I believe that every communication has been properly acknowledged; and, wherever advice or instruction could be given, it has been freely furnished so far as lay within my power.

7. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

Here again, the world-wide war has prevented any correspondence, except of a sporadic character, with any foreign country. This situa-

tion, however, requires more than ever our thoughtful and careful attention to International Relations. It is none too soon to be laying plans for our work after the war.

Hon. Petrus Beyer, Grand Sire of Denmark, wrote me last winter suggesting that the Odd Fellows of America raise a fund for the rehabilitation of Europe after the war, and I answered him saying that we probably could not do anything in that line until the time comes when we can be certain that relief sent by us for suffering women and helpless little children will not be destroyed on the way but will be permitted to reach its goal. I cannot be certain that my letter reached him as I have not heard from him since.

Mr. H. P. Hansen, a member of the Order in Denmark, but a resident of London, England, has corresponded with me at considerable length in relation to establishing a rest and meeting place for our soldier members in London. He has offered to furnish an appropriate place, heated and lighted and free of rent. I immediately wrote our Consul General in London who reports very favorably as to Brother Hansen's standing in the community.

If it is possible for The Sovereign Grand Lodge to raise sufficient funds to keep one of our members on duty there, somewhat in the nature of a Y. M. C. A. Secretary, I believe that this offer might very properly be accepted, and that the work would be exceedingly helpful to our boys as well as being beneficial to the Order.

We must not turn aside from these blessed opportunities for service.

8. PROCLAMATIONS.

I have issued the following Proclamations and Circular Letters, in which I have followed the precedent I set last year of endeavoring to make each Proclamation contain something of special and peculiar importance to the matter concerning which it was issued:

9. PROCLAMATION NO. 6.

THE NEW BIRTH OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.

DENVER, COLORADO, October 18, 1917.

To All Odd Fellows.

GREETING:

The ninety-third annual session of our Sovereign Grand Lodge will be known in history as the date of the new birth of Odd Fellowship into a larger life and into greater and more helpful activities.

We have taken upon ourselves, for the sake of humanity, a heavier burden than any similar body of men ever before voluntarily assumed.

No soldier Odd Fellow can become non-beneficial while engaged in the present World-Wide War.

The reason for this epoch-making legislation is that human liberty is at stake, and Odd Fellowship cannot prosper unless the blessings of civil,

religious and industrial liberty are preserved. At the recent session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge it was earnestly urged that if my brother offers his life for the preservation of my life and of my liberties, the least I can do is to keep his lodge dues paid while I am safe at home and he is in danger in foreign lands.

By this patriotic action the sublime beneficence of our matchless Order attained a broader view, and yet we are working in a field far narrower than that of the Good Samaritan, who did not confine his works of charity to his own people, but took in even his enemies, and thus gave to the world a sublime example of fraternal love. Let us study that wonderful story with a higher realization of our duties.

This new obligation will cost us more money, but while we are paying out our money the brothers for whom we have assumed this duty will be sacrificing their time and health, and many of them even life itself, for our protection.

From a purely selfish standpoint, what man is there among us who would not rather pay the dues of a dozen of his fellow-members than be a target for the enemy's bullets for even one moment? The Order has assumed this obligation not for selfish reasons, but as a sublime duty.

It has well been said that we have been living in the golden age of the world's greatest glory, but now we are living in the iron age of the world's most frightful tragedy. Odd Fellowship was organized for the purpose of relieving distress. Surely this is the time of all times for the exercise of those fraternal principles which alone justify our existence as an Order.

Such new legislation has been enacted for the double purpose of making this larger beneficence more certain and of distributing the burden more equitably. Each Grand Jurisdiction has the power to work out its own plans. The experience of our Canadian brothers, who have been working against adverse laws and conditions with a courage and intensity of purpose so sublime that no soldier Odd Fellow of the Great Dominion has been permitted to lose his good standing, seems to indicate that the most practical and equitable plan is for the Grand Lodge to raise a fund by assessment, and that such fund shall be expended for the following purposes:

a. To pay to each subordinate lodge the dues of its soldier members.

b. To pay to each subordinate lodge the benefits due its soldier members.

Fraternity demands we pay these dues and benefits, while justice demands the burden be equally distributed.

For the purpose of uniformity, this fund should be called by all Jurisdictions "The Odd Fellow Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Fund."

The administration of this fund may properly be placed in the hands of a special war commission or of a commission consisting of the elective officers.

The first assessment should be not less than $1.00 per member per annum.

All legislation should be made effective during the war and for one year after its close.

With all the earnestness, energy and enthusiasm at my command, I urge every Grand Body to adopt such legislation forthwith.

With all the forcefulness of an intense belief in its necessity, I hope that every subordinate lodge will promptly collect such assessments and do everything possible to make this great beneficence a thorough success.

With full love and confidence in the loyalty of our membership, which a lifetime of association has engendered, I call upon each Odd Fellow to bear this increased burden as bravely and as uncomplainingly as our brothers in Canada and Australasia and other countries have borne their burdens for the past three years.

If we care properly for our soldier brothers, the solemn and splendid majesty of our magnificent ritual will be, by magic hands, transmuted into cups of cold water for the fevered lips of wounded men, and our stately ceremonials will be justified by deeds of kindness and of helpfulness to men in direct need.

Especially do I urge that no Odd Fellow shall permit himself to be dropped for non-payment of dues during this time of our deep tribulation. To do so would almost amount to desertion in time of war. I also call upon all who have temporarily severed their connection with Odd Fellowship to come back into the Order in response to the call of patriotism and fraternity. To all such brothers will then come the highest reward any man can receive—the consciousness of duty well done.

To those who may be called upon to mourn the loss of loved ones who gave their lives for their fellow-men, I can only recall the solemn benediction and blessing of Him who doeth all things well and who hath taken such heroic souls unto Himself.

May the richest blessings of Almighty God rest upon every member of our beloved Order.

10. PROCLAMATION NO. 7.

1819. 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER. 1918.

To the Officers and Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

This war presents to Odd Fellowship a greater opportunity than ever before to prove its value to humanity. The very existence of civilization, human liberty and democracy are threatened. Women and little children are dying by thousands in Europe and Asia from starvation and other causes brought on by this war.

"The world is stunned with the ghastly and cowardly crimes, more in number and greater in hatred than those of the Roman Cæsars combined."

In this world crisis our Order is endeavoring to do its duty. All Odd Fellow soldiers are relieved from the payment of dues while the war lasts, and we, who remain at home in safety and comfort are paying the benefits of those who are fighting and dying for the protection of the World's Liberty. We are helping our Government conserve food; we are buying Government securities; we are subscribing to the Red Cross, which is by far the greatest practical beneficence of the age. We are building and supporting our own recreation headquarters for the preservation of the lives and health of our brave soldier brothers, and we are also co-operating with that other great and wonderful society, The Young Men's Christian Association, and with all similar agencies.

It is our duty to be both faithful to our country and fraternal to our fellow-men and thus preserve the sublime ideals which have made our Order great and helpful.

Therefore, let Friendship, Love and Truth be not unmeaning words upon our lips, but the sentiment of our hearts, and the earnest practice of our lives. So shall universal toleration, that knows no division of

nation or of race, herald the coming of the perfect day when all the world shall be at unity, and all men shall hail each other as brothers.

We must not do less for our country, but we must ever strive to do more for humanity, and particularly to emulate the example of the greatest of all fraternalists, who " went about doing good."

With that idea in mind, and in accordance with usage and the resolution of our Sovereign Grand Lodge, I, Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby enjoin upon all Grand and subordinate bodies of the Order the duty of commemorating on April 26, 1918, the ninety-ninth anniversary of the institution of our Order by appropriate services and by public thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us as individuals and as an Order.

Done at Denver, Colorado, in Friendship, Love and Truth this 26th day of February, Anno Domini nineteen hundred and eighteen, and of the institution of American Odd Fellowship the ninety-ninth year.

11. PROCLAMATION NO. 8.

Memorial Day.

To the Officers and Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Death loves a shining mark, and during the last year has taken from us some of the brightest souls that have given light and life and love and glory to Odd Fellowship.

If a man's life is a fairy tale written by the finger of God, what wonderful stories our Heavenly Father has written in the self-sacrificing lives of such splendid men as Wildey and Ridgely and Kuykendall and Wright, Nolen and Daniels and of our well-beloved Past Grand Sire C. A. Keller! These men died well because they had lived well. Their names will long be held in loving memory because their lives were spent in doing good.

Such lives are typical of Odd Fellowship, and we will be worthy of them and of the heritage they have bequeathed to us in exactly the proportion that we follow in their footsteps and live as they lived.

These times, when war's loud alarms are trying the souls of men as in a furnace of fire, have brought us to a keener sense than we ever felt before of the proud privilege that is ours in being, in a sense, a chosen people, commissioned to expound to the world the real meaning of Friendship, Love and Truth. They have also brought to us in more solemn and serious fashion the duty that rests upon us by reason of the vows we have taken and the promises we have made, both to God and man.

It was a happy thought for our Order to provide that our entire membership may, at the same moment, turn for a time from the distracting troubles and trials of this life and dwell in calm and serene thoughtfulness upon the glad reality of a future life, " Where all life's tumults past, the appointed house, by heaven's decree, receives us all at last."

Now, therefore, I, Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby earnestly request all subordinate lodges to hold appropriate memorial services on Tuesday, June 10, 1918, or if any other day shall be more convenient for any Jurisdiction, the Grand Master thereof may name such other day in his Proclamation.

Many thousands of the heroes of our Order, members of that " faithful few " who have kept the fires of the Order burning in the lodge-room by their regular attendance at its meetings and by their sublime devotion to its ideals of mutual helpfulness, have been called to a larger field of

usefulness. We cannot give that mighty roll call in this Proclamation, but you will reverently mention them in your lodges. We can only name here a few of those who have been honored by membership in our Sovereign Grand Lodge on earth and whose membership has been transferred to The Sovereign Grand Lodge on high during the past year, and all of these we will hold in loving memory.

We hold in loving memory the following-named members who have departed this life since our last memorial day, viz.:

Alabama.—January 19, 1918, O. J. Semmes, Past Grand Representative; aged 79 years.

Arkansas.—January 27, 1918, M. M. Stuckey, Past Grand Representative; aged 64 years.

California.—December 24, 1917, J. F. Chappell, Past Grand Representative; aged 50 years.

Connecticut.—April 19, 1917, William H. Comley, Past Grand Representative; aged 68 years.

August 23, 1917, James E. Camp, Past Grand Representative; aged 64 years.

October 11, 1917, E. Benajah Pratt, Past Grand Representative; aged 71 years.

September 27, 1917, E. J. Hill, Past Grand Representative; aged 72 years.

February 13, 1918, David W. Boyd, Past Grand Representative; aged 90 years.

Idaho.—April 17, 1917, Frank E. Cornwall, Past Grand Representative.

Illinois.—April 12, 1917, Henry A. Stone, Past Grand Representative; aged 67 years.

January 1, 1917, Chas. F. Prickett, Past Grand Representative; aged 65 years.

Indiana.—May 12, 1917, H. W. Hodson, Past Grand Representative.

October 31, 1916, Ed. S. Porter, Past Grand Representative.

December 31, 1917, John W. Cooper, Past Grand Representative.

Iowa.—October 30, 1917, R. L. Tilton, Past Grand Representative; aged 78 years.

April 26, 1917, H. C. Chapin, Past Grand Representative; aged 56 years.

Kansas.—September 4, 1917, J. Jay Buck, Past Grand Representative; aged 82 years.

July 25, 1917, Henry W. Spangler, Past Grand Representative; aged 70 years.

Maine.—October 10, 1917, John W. Adams, Past Grand Representative; aged 83 years.

September 19, 1917, Charles E. Jackson, Past Grand Representative; aged 56 years.

Manitoba.—June 1, 1917, William F. Ross, Past Grand Representative; aged 61 years.

Maritime Provinces.—November 21, 1917, James Yorston, Past Grand Representative; aged 70 years.

March —, 1918, W. W. Stumbles, Past Grand Representative.

Maryland.—December 5, 1917, Charles H. Gatch, Past Grand Representative; aged 83 years.

June 20, 1917, James Young, Past Grand Representative; aged 64 years.

Massachusetts.—May 9, 1917, Napoleon B. Dana, Past Grand Representative; aged 71 years.

Michigan.—May 8, 1917, Elmer E. Rosenberry, Past Grand Representative; aged 56 years.
Minnesota.—September 8, 1917, George W. Scherer, Past Grand Representative; aged 54 years.
Missouri.—July —, 1917, A. A. Wheeler, Past Grand Representative; aged 76 years.
February —, 1918, M. S. Dowden, Past Grand Representative; aged 74 years.
January 24, 1917, John J. Funk, Past Grand Representative; aged 60 years.
Nebraska.—July 14, 1917, D. M. McElhinney, Past Grand Representative; aged 83 years.
April 18, 1917, J. F. Heiler, Past Grand Representative; aged 71 years.
Nevada.—January 22, 1918, George Henning, Past Grand Representative.
New Hampshire.—October 23, 1917, Edwin D. Ward, Past Grand Representative; aged 70 years.
March 13, 1918, John Gillis, Past Grand Representative; aged 91 years.
April 5, 1918, Starr B. Center, Past Grand Representative; aged 53 years.
New Mexico.—September 22, 1917, Alfred Jelfs, Past Grand Representative; aged 51 years.
July 21, 1917, W. E. Kelley, Past Grand Representative; aged 81 years.
New York.—May 24, 1917, W. R. Spooner, Past Grand Representative; aged 68 years.
North Carolina.—April 30, 1917, Richard J. Jones, Past Grand Representative; aged 95 years.
November 3, 1917, Wesley Williams, Past Grand Representative; aged 67 years.
December 24, 1917, James P. Sawyer, Past Grand Representative; aged 80 years.
February 12, 1918, John A. Stevens, Past Grand Representative; aged 58 years.
Ohio.—April 10, 1917, Milo S. Clapp, Past Grand Representative; aged 81 years.
Oklahoma.—January 29, 1918, S. M. Moore, Past Grand Representative; aged 80 years.
Oregon.—April 3, 1917, John T. Apperson, Past Grand Representative; aged 82 years.
June 21, 1917, Thomas J. Stites, Past Grand Representative; aged 80 years.
Rhode Island.—March 6, 1918, Lindsay Anderson, Past Grand Representative; aged 78 years.
Saskatchewan.—March 17, 1916, N. G. McCallum, Past Grand Representative; aged 68 years.
South Dakota.—August 17, 1917, Willis E. Benedict, Past Grand Representative; aged 59 years.
Tennessee.—April 21, 1917, John P. Helms, Past Grand Representative; aged 72 years.
July 21, 1917, James B. Armstrong, Past Grand Representative; aged 56 years.
Texas.—February 21, 1918, C. A. Keller, Past Grand Sire; aged 67 years.
Wisconsin.—May 13, 1917, David Whitton, Past Grand Representative; aged 81 years.
July 11, 1917, S. J. Bradford, Past Grand Representative; aged 66 years.

12. PROCLAMATION NO. 9.

1851. 67TH REBEKAH ANNIVERSARY. 1918.

To Whom these Presents may come,

GREETING:

The growth of fraternalism in the last one hundred years has been the wonder and delight of the world. In this growth and development Odd Fellowship has always been in the vanguard of fraternity's advancing hosts.

A lodge has always been declared to be a man's organization, and while in a sense that is true, Odd Fellowship in 1851 undertook to show the world that there is a place in lodge work for women, and founded the Rebekah Degree. Its growth has been phenomenal. But, better than that, it has proven to be a most valuable adjunct to the work of the subordinate lodges. Wherever there is a live, progressive, harmonious and working Rebekah lodge the subordinate lodge is safe, but when the Rebekah lodge begins to decline from lack of interest in the work, or where dissensions, bickerings and strife dominate its activities, then the subordinate lodge is in danger.

There are many ways in which Rebekah Odd Fellowship has shown itself to be a valuable asset to the Order, and now that we have a short but most impressive Joint Installation Ceremony for the installation of the officers of subordinate and Rebekah lodges, which affords play for the best talent of both branches of the Order, we may confidently expect a closer and more helpful union between them.

As a result of the world-wide war, woman is coming into her own more rapidly than ever before in the history of the world. She has proven herself, not only in the home, but also in the field, factory and farm, a real helpmeet for man, while at the bedside of the sick and suffering there is nothing in all this beautiful creation that can take the place of a woman's light step, soft ministering hand and comforting voice.

In this development Odd Fellowship, and especially the Rebekah Degree, has had a leading part.

Now, therefore, I, Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire, in pursuance of the resolution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge thereto pertaining, do hereby recommend all Rebekah Assemblies and Rebekah lodges to set apart the twentieth day of September, 1918, for its due observance as the sixty-seventh (67th) anniversary of said degree. And to that end to dedicate the occasion to appropriate exercises and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold blessings to the members of the Rebekah Degree, individually and collectively.

Done at Denver, Colorado, this the twentieth day of July, A. D. 1918, and of the Rebekah Degree the sixty-seventh (67th) year.

13. CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 5.

FOOD CONSERVATION.

"EAT PLENTY; WISELY AND WITHOUT WASTE."

DENVER, COLORADO, October 5, 1917.

To All Odd Fellows.

Herbert C. Hoover, Food Administrator of the United States, has requested all fraternal organizations, including ours, to assist him in promulgating a plan for food conservation among the members of such fraternities in the United States.

He has made it plain beyond all doubt that there is a dangerous shortage of food throughout the world; that if the people of the United States and Canada do not voluntarily save food now, they will be forced to do so later from absolute necessity and under the heavy penalties of the law; that the success of our armies and those of our Allies depends upon furnishing to our Allies millions of tons of wheat, meat, sugar, butter, fats, etc., briefly, that food conservation will win the war.

At a conference between Commissioner Hoover and a number of representatives of our Order, including myself, which conference was held at Washington, September 11, 1917, the following resolutions were adopted:

"The undersigned delegates appointed by Grand Sire F. C. Goudy, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to hold a conference with Hon. Herbert C. Hoover, Food Administrator, and his associates, at the office of the Food Administration at Washington, D. C., on this 11th day of September, 1917, having listened with interest and profit to addresses by Mr. Hoover and his aides, explaining the necessity for food conservation in the United States, that sufficient from our abundance of foodstuffs may be saved to assist our Allies in the great war now in progress, do hereby adopt the following resolutions:

"'*Resolved*, That we recommend to The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows that it endorse the objects and purposes of the food administration in all their aspects, and that it authorize the Grand Sire to take such action as will further the observance of the recommendations of the Food Administrator;

"'*Resolved*, That this delegation especially subscribes to and urges upon all of the members of the I. O. O. F. the observances of one wheatless meal each day and one meatless day each week during the war;

"'*Resolved*, That through the journals of our Order all possible publicity be given to the recommendations of the food administration.'"

All of which was reported to The Sovereign Grand Lodge at its recent session, and was approved by that Body.

In order to fully co-operate with and assist Food Commissioner Hoover in this most commendable undertaking, I, therefore, call upon our entire membership to adopt and carry out to the letter the following program:

1. The first lodge or encampment meeting held after the receipt of this letter shall be designated as "Food Conservation Meeting." A definite program should be arranged which should include the reading of this circular, and, if possible, a brief address on food conservation by some member of the Order familiar with the subject.

2. At such meeting your lodge should appoint a Food Conservation Committee.

3. At each subsequent meeting of your lodge or encampment you should adopt a five-minute order of business on food conservation.

4. For the duration of the war banquets should not be favored by our Order. If any refreshments are had, they should be of a very inexpensive character, and in conformity to the principles of "food conservation." Impress the observance of the principles of food conservation upon each and all of your neighbors with whom you come in contact.

You are earnestly requested to impress upon the members of your lodge or encampment that each shall render all aid possible to this campaign.

I am confident that I may depend on you to fully co-operate in all these particulars, and to faithfully, conscientiously and persistently urge upon not only the members of our Order, but all persons with whom you

may have social or business relations, the great necessity of conserving our food.

The United States Food Administration has adopted the slogan—"Eat plenty; wisely and without waste"—and I trust this slogan will be posted conspicuously in each lodge-room so that every member may become familiar with same.

Our lodges in Canada will co-operate with the Canadian Food Administration.

I earnestly ask all this in the interest of patriotism, fraternity and humanity.

14. CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 6.

THE NEW YEAR'S CALL TO SERVICE.

DENVER, COLORADO, January 21, 1918.

To All Odd Fellows.

GREETING:

Added duties since adjournment of our Sovereign Grand Lodge made it impossible to send you this letter as a New Year's Greeting. However, I hope it will be none the less a New Year's call to renewed devotion to the service of our country, our Order and humanity.

14A. ODD FELLOWSHIP AND THE WAR.

The United States entered the war for the liberty of mankind. All Odd Fellows under the direct jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge are engaged on the same side. A few comments on the reason for this situation, its meaning, and our duty as an Order seem appropriate at this time.

Fraternity is an outgrowth of human liberty, and cannot prosper under a tyrannical government. Fraternal societies do not thrive in any country whose people do not possess civil, religious and industrial freedom. Wherever the church rules the state; wherever the press is muzzled; wherever autocracy triumphs and democracy is suppressed; wherever labor is held in slavery or serfdom, fraternal societies cannot live. They prosper best under governments based on "Justice and Reason."

Fraternal societies have grown to be a mighty power for the betterment of mankind, especially in the countries where church and state are separated, where the press and speech are free, where labor is untrammeled and where democracy is triumphant.

The winning of this war is vital to the very existence of Odd Fellowship and similar societies, and it is our duty as patriotic citizens to do all in our power to help win the war.

This is our justification in paying so much attention to matters arising from and in connection with the war. After the war it will be our duty to join with all other benevolent Orders in binding up the wounds of nations and making the world a safe abiding place for all mankind, including the helpless little children now homeless in Europe.

14B. TRAINING CAMP ACTIVITIES.

Last year I made several trips to Washington, the first being on my own initiative and the second by invitation of the Secretary of War to help arrange matters so that fraternal societies may hereafter be granted the same privileges in our training camps, such as are now

granted to the Y. M. C. A. and the K. of C. Both of these societies are purely religious organizations, whereas our fraternal societies are like our Government, wholly non-sectarian, so that it is almost unbelievable that we had to plead so long and so earnestly to secure this privilege.

However, that privilege has now been given, and I trust that our Grand and subordinate lodges will do all in their power to help our boys and our Government so that our camps may turn out efficient fighting men. Odd Fellowship and patriotism go hand-in-hand.

I suggest, however, that you count the cost and do not assume financial responsibility beyond your strength, and that you especially refrain from asking the public for contributions. Co-operate with other societies, especially with the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A.

14c. War Saving Certificates and Thrift Stamps.

My recent Washington trip was at the request of the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of co-operating with other Orders in devising ways and means for fuller activity on our part in the sale of War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps.

The Government needs every dollar that can be obtained for the prosecution of the war. By this means everyone may lend money to our Government and receive 4 per cent interest, thus helping the Government, and, at the same time, cultivate habits of thrift that will be of incalculable value when the war ends.

I earnestly urge every lodge to become a War Savings Association, and lend its help to its members in thus investing in Saving Certificates and Thrift Stamps. Information as to method of procedure may be obtained from your Secretary or from your Postmaster.

14d. The Halifax Disaster.

December 8, 1917, the news flashed over the wire of the frightful explosion at Halifax. Later advices show that this disaster caused the loss of many lives and many more persons were seriously injured and in need. Remembering the proverb, "He gives twice who gives quickly," I directed our Grand Treasurer to send $1000 to Joseph Oliver of Toronto, Chairman of our Finance Committee, to be expended at his discretion for relief in Halifax.

Late advices show the necessity of further help, and I have, therefore, made an earnest appeal to our Grand Lodges for aid, and I am sure that our membership will respond liberally.

14e. Official Visits.

In November last I visited the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Indiana, where I was received with every courtesy, and where I found the finest manifestations of genuine activity.

14f. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Fund.

Every Grand Lodge which has met since the adjournment of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, has, with great enthusiasm, taken up the opportunity presented by our War Legislation, and has levied assessments ranging from 25 cents to $1.00 per member for the assistance of soldier members. It is the best proof ever given of the power of Odd Fellowship to rise to the highest demand that may be put upon it.

Save, conserve, work, give; in short, be Americans. Let this burning question be constantly before you: "*What will it cost us not to win the war?*"

I wish to express my especial appreciation of the invaluable and untiring services of Grand Representative E. W. Bradford of the District of Columbia in relation to our connection with all Government activities, and particularly with relation to Food Conservation, Training Camp Activities and War Savings Associations.

I am also under great obligation to Past Grand Representative John E. Raker of California, now a member of Congress, who co-operated with General Bradford in helping to bring about the issuance of the order concerning training camps.

I also sincerely thank Grand Representative Joseph Oliver of Canada for his splendid assistance in relation to the Halifax disaster. Were it not for such able and loyal Odd Fellows who are always ready to lend a hand, it would be impossible to accomplish the work which the exigencies of the time have devolved upon this office.

15. CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 7.

As to Expelling German Speaking Members.

February 21, 1918.

To the Fraternal Press:

Some busybody has circulated a report that I have been requested to expel the German-American Odd Fellows from the Order. Ordinarily it would seem unnecessary to pay any attention to such a statement, but no such demand has ever been made upon me, nor has any such action ever been contemplated by me or anyone else so far as I know.

It is true that a demand has been made upon me to sever all connection between The Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Germany. To this demand I replied that I have no authority to do this and that the responsibility for such action, if taken, must rest with The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

I might say further that I have not heard from the Grand Lodge of Germany since becoming Grand Sire.

The circulation of baseless stories of this character has a tendency to injure both our Order and our country, and I am making this statement in order to put an end forever to this and all similar stories.

16. CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 8.

Dispensation for the Initiation of Soldier Candidates.

To the Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Greeting:

It has come to my attention that a number of young men who are in training for military service, as such service is defined by the laws of their respective countries (see Decision No. 51, Series of 1918), are desirous of joining the Order, but under existing laws are not able to do so. They are compelled to be absent from their homes and thus cannot take the Initiatory Degree, as provided by law, in their home lodge, which is the lodge they would, of course, wish to join.

In many cases these young men have become twenty-one since entering the military service, and in other cases they have learned to love and to

appreciate the Order since they have discovered how much we are doing for our soldier members and for humanity.

Every instinct of patriotism, fraternity and of appreciation for the great sacrifices they are making for their country and for their fellowmen impels us to do everything in our power to make it easy for them to join our beloved Order.

There seems to be no practicable way to effect this except for the Grand Sire to use the authority vested in him for the purpose of meeting such exigencies by the issuance of a Dispensation permitting the admission of soldier members wherever they may be located.

Now, therefore, I, Frank C. Goudy, by virtue of the power vested in me as Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby make, issue and promulgate the following *Dispensation*, to-wit:

When a person, who is in the military service of his country or of the Allies of his country, desires to join an Odd Fellows' lodge, and is not able to present himself at the lodge of his residence, he may join in the following manner:

First. He must present, or cause to be presented, to the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resided at the time of his entry into such military service, an application in the usual form, adding to such application the facts pertaining to his said military service. (If the candidate desires to join some other lodge he may, in proper cases, do so, by following the present laws pertaining to waiver of jurisdiction.)

Second. If elected to membership, the lodge shall certify that fact over its seal, and thereupon, by following substantially the present law for the conferring of degrees by other lodges (see Code Sec. 215), the Initiatory Degree may be conferred upon such candidate by any lodge of the Order.

Third. The letter requesting such initiation shall be substantially as follows:

"To the Officers and Members of.....Lodge No. .....,
located at.....in the Jurisdiction of.....
Dear Brothers:

Mr. ....., who is in the
military service of.....,
and who is located at.....,
has been duly and regularly elected to membership in.....
....., Lodge No. ....., located at
....., in the Jurisdiction of.....
..... By reason of his inability to present himself at our lodge for initiation and by virtue of the Dispensation issued for that purpose by Grand Sire Frank C. Goudy, dated at Denver, Colorado, June 14th, 1918, we do hereby fraternally request that you do him and us the favor of conferring the Degrees (including the Initiatory Degree) upon him at your earliest opportunity and report to us.

Fraternally yours,

[SEAL] .....
Attest: Noble Grand."
.....
Recording Secretary.

Fourth. The candidate must, instead of signing the Constitution, sign the following receipt for the Initiatory Degree, which receipt shall be immediately transmitted to the lodge which elected him to membership, and such receipt shall be entered upon the minutes of the lodge:

"I, ..., hereby acknowledge that I have been duly instructed in the mysteries of the Initiatory Degree of the Subordinate Branch of Odd Fellowship by.....Lodge No. ....., located at.....in the Jurisdiction of.....
I hereby authorize and empower the Recording Secretary of..... Lodge No. ....., located at....., in the Jurisdiction of ....., to sign the Constitution of said lodge on my behalf.

....."

"We, ..., Noble Grand, and ....., Recording Secretary of .....Lodge No. ....., located at ...., in the Jurisdiction of....., do hereby certify that the foregoing receipt was signed in our presence and in open lodge, and that the Initiatory Degree was duly conferred as therein stated, this .....day of ....., A. D. 19.....

[SEAL] .....
Attest: Noble Grand."
.....
Recording Secretary.

(If other degrees than the Initiatory are conferred by the same lodge, that fact may be stated in the same receipt or separate receipts may be given therefor.)

This Dispensation shall be in force, so far as it may be applicable, and with such changes as may be necessary in the procedure, to the Encampment and Rebekah branches of the Order and to the Patriarchs Militant.

In testimony whereof, I have set my hand at Denver, Colorado, this 14th day of June, A. D. 1918, and of the institution of American Odd Fellowship the one hundredth year.

16a. First Soldier Initiated under Dispensation.

Probably the first soldier initiated under this dispensation is Corporal Carl T. Mungersdorf of the First U. S. Regular Infantry, who called at my office within three hours of arriving in Denver on his first furlough after reaching the age of twenty-one, for the purpose of joining the Order of which his father was an honored member. He is stationed at Camp Lewis, Washington, and by the courtesy of Grand Secretary Fred W. Bier, Grand Representative George W. Blanchard and others, he was regularly initiated by Rainier Lodge No. 11, on Tuesday, July 30, 1918. As he was home but three days he could not have become a member of the Order but for this dispensation. He is now a member of my own lodge, and I had the honor of being a member of the committee of investigation to which his name was referred.

17. CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 9.

Relating to the Use of the German Language in Lodge Work.

Denver, Colorado, June 14, 1918.

To the Officers and Members of Those Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Using the German Language in Lodge Work:

Dear Brothers:

The world-wide war, which has at last involved the land of your adoption in armed conflict with the land of your birth, has changed our

viewpoint in regard to many questions, and it must inevitably make many greater changes in the future.

You cannot help observing that the use of the German language in publications and in public and semi-public gatherings is attended with more or less of suspicion, prejudice and distrust. This must necessarily increase in intensity as the horrors of the war are brought more vividly to the minds and hearts of our people when the casualty lists come in.

You cannot help having been deeply impressed with the fact that this country, in common with other countries of the world, has been honeycombed by a well-established system of spies organized, conducted and paid for by the German Government. This spy system has necessarily drawn the greatest number of its recruits from persons of German birth or descent. While I am firmly convinced that the vast majority of persons in this country of German birth or descent are absolutely loyal to their adopted country, the fact that a small percentage of them have so far forgotten their obligations to this Government as to be willing to betray the land of their adoption and the nation which they have voluntarily chosen as their home seems to make it desirable for all persons of German birth or descent to remove every condition liable to arouse suspicion or distrust.

In addition to the above facts, we all know that ever since the confusion of tongues at the Tower of Babel unity of language has drawn the people of a country more closely together, while diversity of language has had a tendency to separate the people into classes and cliques.

It must be your desire, as it is the desire of all loyal Americans of whatever birth or descent, that there shall be built up on this continent a homogeneous people. The English language is the language of the United States of America and of the Dominion of Canada, the two countries within which are to be found substantially all of the lodges under the direct supervision and control of The Sovereign Grand Lodge. That language is the language of our Courts, of our Legislatures, of all public documents and of practically all of our people. It should be made the universal language of these countries. Both of these countries are now at war with Germany, and this must be recognized as a fact by our people, wherever born.

The fact that you or your fathers left the country of your birth for this free land shows that you and your ancestors were not in sympathy with the system of military oppression which has characterized Germany. The history of this war, with the unspeakable horrors and the unnameable atrocities committed by the German Army, under the direction and by the command of the German Government, upon innocent, defenseless men, women and children, whose only offense was that they refused to obey the unauthorized orders of German autocracy, justifies your action and that of your fathers in voluntarily leaving the land whose rulers and people have been guilty of such crimes against humanity.

In the name of Friendship, Love and Truth, the fundamental ideas and idealisms of Odd Fellowship, I now call upon those of you who live in the United States, as loyal and patriotic Americans, and those of you who live in Canada, as loyal and patriotic Canadians, and all as loyal and patriotic Odd Fellows, to voluntarily surrender the privilege heretofore granted to you to conduct your work in the German language, and to substitute for the German language in all your work the use of the English language as the language of your country.

A large number of our lodges have already taken this step. Of the thirteen lodges in Chicago which formerly used the German language eight have already voluntarily discontinued its use, while some lodges have not only relinquished the use of the German language, but have changed their German names. My investigations on this subject, and the reports I have received, convince me that, besides the question of patriotism involved, this change will be very helpful to these lodges and will add materially to their growth and prosperity.

I shall present this matter to The Sovereign Grand Lodge next September, with the recommendation that, in the interests of national solidarity, hereafter all American and Canadian Odd Fellow lodges, both in their lodge work and in the exemplification of the ritual, shall be conducted exclusively in the English language.

I am convinced that loyalty to our respective governments and good faith with our boys who have gone across the waters to lay down their lives, if need be, for the perpetuation of those principles of civil, religious and industrial liberty which have made possible the great self-governing nations in which Odd Fellowship and kindred fraternal organizations have so wonderfully grown and prospered, requires this step.

I shall be very proud and happy if I am able to report to The Sovereign Grand Lodge next September that all of our lodges which have been working in the German language have voluntarily relinquished that privilege.

Personally, I believe that all lodges working in any other foreign language should do the same.

Kindly bring this matter immediately and officially before your lodge, and report to me what action you take in the matter.

18. LODGES WORKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

Circular Letter No. 9 is the only one which seems to call for special mention or comment by me, since it involved the exercise of official discretion in relation to a matter of vital interest to the Order and to our country, as well as to the members affected thereby.

I had in mind, of course, the sublime history of the course of this great Order during the Civil War in the United States. Our position at that time was undoubtedly the greatest example of fraternal consideration the world has ever seen, and it has been a source of inspiration to us ever since that memorable meeting and reunion in 1865.

It seems, however, that the situation which now confronts us is of a vastly different character from anything the world has ever faced before. The two great countries, in which the work of our Order is under the exclusive Jurisdiction of this Sovereign Body, are at war with the mightiest military power the world has ever seen. Both of these countries and all their allies have been honeycombed with spies and devastated by treachery. These two nations are English-speaking countries, and, while other languages are spoken amongst us, the official language is English and all other languages are essentially foreign. There have settled among us, however, tens of thousands of people from foreign countries, speaking foreign tongues. People from these countries have, very naturally, associated themselves together, and have organized lodges of our Order, and some of these lodges have been conducted in foreign languages.

One of the primal teachings of Odd Fellowship is loyalty to country; patriotism and devotion to the government of our land; obedience to established law.

Both the United States and Canada are at war with Germany, and seventy-five per cent of our lodges working in foreign languages are working in German, the language of our country's enemy. While the vast majority, and, I trust, all the members of these lodges are loyal to their adopted country, it is, of course, true that most of the work of spying and treacherous destruction of property in this country and in Canada has been inspired by the German Government. This condition of affairs necessarily aroused more or less of distrust and prejudice in relation to the use of the German language on this continent as is evidenced by the fact that it has almost everywhere been barred from the public schools, and, in many places, from use over the telephone or on the public streets, and is everywhere looked upon with suspicion.

A number of our German-speaking lodges had happily voluntarily changed from German to English, and some of our Grand Lodges have requested or instructed their German-speaking lodges to make such change. After consultation with many of the leading members of the Order, it seemed to be not only proper and right, but my duty as Grand Sire, to take some action directing this procedure. In addition to all this, there were rumors and suggestions that the Government might deem it necessary to prohibit the use of the German language, as an act of military necessity; and many thought it advisable that our Order should anticipate the possibility of such action.

With all these reasons in mind, " with malice toward none and with charity for all," and especially with no purpose of casting any reflection upon the thousands of splendid and loyal Odd Fellows of German birth or descent, I deemed it expedient, and indeed necessary, that I should issue Circular Letter No. 9, advising and requesting German-speaking lodges and encampments, in order that they might be, like Cæsar's wife, above suspicion, and in order that they might become more thoroughly and absolutely American, to change from the German to the English language in their lodge work; in fact, it applies to all foreign languages.

All that The Sovereign Grand Lodge has ever done in this matter has been to authorize the translations of our ritual into certain foreign languages. The question as to whether or not a lodge should be permitted to work in any foreign language has been and now is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges. Circular No. 9 is not an order, but a request, based upon what I conceive to be in keeping with the highest principles of patriotism and fraternity. Any further action must depend upon the result of your deliberations.

I recommend, however, the adoption of legislation to the effect that it is the policy of The Sovereign Grand Lodge that all foreign-speaking lodges should be advised and encouraged to change from such languages to English as soon as it can be done without interfering with the efficiency of lodge work, and that our Grand Lodges be instructed to issue no further charters for work in any other language than English.

The situation that confronts us is vitally different from the parallel some try to draw between this country and Poland and Alsace-Lorraine, where a conqueror is trying to force the people to accept what is to them a foreign language. Those who have come to America have voluntarily settled in this English-speaking country, and it is no imposition upon

them, but rather a kindness, to urge them in every way to learn the language of the country of their adoption.

To use the words of one of the greatest of real, red-blooded Americans "We have room for but one language, the language of Washington and Lincoln, the language of the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg speech, the English language."

In this connection it is interesting to note the decline in the number of German lodges in the United States, there being none in Canada. The last official statement we have as to the number of lodges working in German and other foreign languages is the Report of the Committee on Printing Supplies in 1908, page 612, which is herewith reproduced, together with as complete a list as we could secure as to the number now in existence.

19. FOREIGN-SPEAKING LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Language	1908	1918	1918—Members
German	304	151	19,229
Italian	11	22	3,217
Swedish	10	10	3,102
Bohemian	7	10	2,380
Danish	6	4	798
French	8	4	465
Spanish	2	2	144
Norwegian	7	...	.....
Totals	355	203	29,335

These lodges are located as follows:

German: California, 4; Connecticut, 5; Illinois, 13; Iowa, 4; Kentucky, 3; Massachusetts, 1; Michigan, 3; Minnesota, 1; New Jersey, 19; New York, 84; Ohio, 9; Wisconsin, 5.

Italian: California, 1; Illinois, 1; Maryland, 1; New Jersey, 6; New York, 10; Ohio, 1; Oklahoma, 2.

Swedish: California, 1; Connecticut, 5; Massachusetts, 1; Nebraska, 1; New York, 2.

Danish: Nebraska, 2; New Jersey, 1; New York, 1.

Bohemian: Illinois, 4; Iowa, 1; New York, 4; Ohio, 1.

French: California, 2; New York, 2.

Spanish: Florida, 2.

It might be interesting to state that our reports also show that of the lodges which were working in the German language at the outbreak of the war, probably twenty-five per cent have already voluntarily changed to English, so that now we have only about 150 such lodges with substantially 19,000 members, all of which come from twelve Jurisdictions, considerably more than half of them being from New York State alone.

Responses received from Circular No. 9 have been uniformly courteous and sympathetic, even in the case of those lodges which feel that the making of such change will be a hardship, while the responses from other sources have been very strong in their approval of its recommendations.

Sister Cooper, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois, in her letter transmitting Circular No. 9 to her lodges, said:

"It is not that the loyalty of our foreign-speaking sisters and brothers is doubted, but our great love for our flag and the republic for which it

stands makes it imperative that at this time we abolish everything that might lead others to think that we are not whole-hearted Americans."

Pages of argument could not state the question more completely or fairly.

This delicate question must be handled with due care in order that justice may be done to all, and that the feelings of our good German-speaking brethren be respected as far as possible, but in the last analysis no one's feelings can be permitted to bar us from the right, and the inconvenience of a few must not be permitted to stand between this great Order and its duty to our country and to humanity.

20. Exchanging English Rituals for German.

In view of the fact that our German lodges adopted German rituals and purchased them in good faith, and the present conditions which seem to warrant a change from German to English are not in any way the fault of these lodges, but one of those general conditions which affect the Order at large, I feel that it would be but just and proper on the part of The Sovereign Grand Lodge in every case where, since our entry into the war, a lodge working in the German or any other foreign language has changed to the English language, that the exchange of rituals be made by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, without expense to the lodge.

20a. Exchange of Unwritten Work.

I also recommend that a copy of the unwritten work, in English, be sent to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, in exchange for a copy of the unwritten work in German, for which the Grand Lodge paid, and for which it has no further use.

NO. 21. CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 10.

Health and Welfare Work at Training Camps.

Denver, Colorado, U. S. A., July 17, 1918.

To the Officers and Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The only real danger to our army and navy is the social evil.

Write your sons and friends in the service to take advantage of every opportunity offered by the Government to learn the facts concerning this great danger to effective service, and, above all, as patriots and soldiers, to avoid the possibility of infection.

Our army and navy are clean, but we want them to be perfect.

If you have a doctor in your lodge, or in your vicinity, whose services you can secure, have him address your members on this subject.

NO. 22. CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 11.

War Work in France.

To Members of The Sovereign Grand Lodge,
To all Officers of Grand Bodies, I. O. O. F., and
To the Fraternal Press:

I have received many inquiries as to whether or not our Order maintains a representative in France, or is taking any steps towards sending

personal relief and sympathetic assistance for our sick and wounded soldier members who are engaged in service overseas.

The answer that we have done neither seems to meet with universal disappointment and disapproval.

Last year we adopted legislation protecting the membership of soldier Odd Fellows. This legislation has been taken advantage of by most, if not all, of our Grand Lodges.

The other phase of relief work, however, we have totally neglected. We have made no provision of any kind for relief work in France.

While it is true that material assistance, such as hospital and medical service, will be furnished by our Government, we all know that there is much help of an intangible nature which can be rendered by the personal presence, attendance and sympathy of a member of the Order who would be so situated as to be able to call upon our suffering brothers in behalf of Odd Fellowship, and would be authorized to extend to them in that sacred name the sympathy of our Order, and those nameless and numberless little attentions which really mean more than material help and particularly so to a man who is thousands of miles away from home.

This matter will come before our next session for determination. There are three courses we can pursue:

First. We can do nothing. But this course is hardly conceivable in view of the monumental record for helpfulness and patriotism which this Order has established.

Second. We can appeal to our subordinate lodges for voluntary contribution. The objection to this course is that the burden would be unequally distributed, and we would not know how much money could be raised. It might be $100,000, or it might be $500,000.

Third. We could levy an assessment upon our subordinate lodge membership. Each ten cents of such assessment would produce approximately $170,000. Such assessment might be levied payable December 31, 1918, with power in the hands of the Grand Sire to call for an additional assessment with the June Reports, 1919, if, in his judgment, it would be required. In the meantime, the work could be commenced on the anticipated revenue.

The purpose of sending this communication is in order that you may have the matter before you. and that you may have opportunity to consult with the brothers of your Jurisdiction before the meeting of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, so that when we meet, whatever action we take may be such as will meet the approval and sympathetic support of our membership at large. It would not be wise for us to undertake a line of work larger than our ability to carry into effect, nor would it be right for us to neglect a great opportunity and solemn duty laid upon us.

I ask our Grand Representatives to consult freely with our members in their respective Jurisdictions upon this subject, and that all others to whom this circular shall come shall communicate freely with their Grand Representatives concerning it, and I ask particularly that the editors of our fraternal papers give to The Sovereign Grand Lodge the benefits of their opinion as to what action should be taken.

23. NEW JERSEY WAR WORK ACTIVITIES.

New Jersey is to be especially commended for its exceedingly helpful war activities work, and its inspiring example should be emulated by

other Jurisdictions and by The Sovereign Grand Lodge. It has provided Service Medals for its soldier members, each medal being an identification card and bearing the name of the Order. These medals have been sent to their members as far away as to Mesopotamia.

The Odd Fellows of New Jersey have furnished two rooms (one for officers and one for privates) at General Pershing's Headquarters in France for the special use of our members in the Y. M. C. A., but of course everybody is welcome. This cost them $1000, and the work is carried on by the Y. M. C. A. Secretaries, but our letter paper is used, and in many other ways our soldier boys are reminded that New Jersey Odd Fellows have them at all times in their minds and hearts.

I wish that we had made fuller preparation for such work, and that some of our own members were over there, either directly as our own representatives, or under the supervision of the Y. M. C. A. We ought not to be sticklers for getting credit for the work we do, but we ought to do all in our power to help in keeping our boys in the best possible condition to carry on their terrific tasks and to relieve their sufferings when wounded or ill. It might be well to authorize our Grand Lodges to apply part of the war funds they are raising to direct work of this character instead of keeping it all for the payment of dues and benefits.

Besides all this, they have in collaboration with other fraternal societies kept a representative visiting the sick in Camp Dix and reporting them to their respective societies. In this way they have helped 841 soldiers from 43 states and coming from 95 Societies, of whom 112 were Odd Fellows. This is magnificent work, and our brothers who have had the courage, the foresight and the energy to carry it into effect are to be most heartily congratulated and thanked by the Order.

I submit the correspondence to you for consideration.

24. NEW JERSEY NOT ALONE.

Other Jurisdictions are doing similarly splendid work, and I commend all their activities and efforts to your careful consideration.

This is a time, not for technicalities, but for labor and for service whenever and wherever we can render it.

25. REGISTRATION OF SOLDIER MEMBERS.

Last year The Sovereign Grand Lodge very wisely and with remarkable forethought provided for the registration with Grand Secretaries and with The Sovereign Grand Secretary of our soldier members. Unfortunately, many of our members have either gone to war without furnishing proper information to the Secretaries of the lodges, or else it has not been fully transmitted to the Grand Secretaries, so that the best estimates we have from these splendid officers who keep such close contact with their local Grand Jurisdictions is that our soldier members officially reported do not represent more than two-thirds of our total membership in the service.

The following tables made up from such reports as have been actually received, and with the caution that they must be considered with reference to the above facts, are presented for their historical value.

26. SOLDIER MEMBERS I. O. O. F. 1918.

	Members.	Total No. Soldiers.	Per cent of Members.	Total Losses.	Per cent Losses.
Alabama	18,386	....	....	....	....
Alberta	7,499	376	5.	60	16.
Arizona	2,171	....	....	....	....
Arkansas	21,342	195	.9	3	1.5
British Columbia	6,385	813	12.9	96	12.
California	44,276	1,581	3.5	....	....
Colorado	14,066	471	3.3	....	....
Connecticut	25,282	1,507	6.	7	....
Delaware	4,092	277	6.77	....	....
District of Columbia	1,851	84	4.5	....	....
Florida	4,214	....	....	....	....
Georgia	23,420	223	.9	....	....
Idaho	7,614	213	2.8	....	....
Illinois	108,694	2,350	2.1	7	....
Indiana	84,666	2,135	2.5	....	....
Iowa	60,185	1,024	1.7	7	....
Kansas	49,836	1,020	2.	2	....
Kentucky	25,478	....	....	....	....
Louisiana	3,472	58	1.7	....	....
Maine	26,452	....	....	....	....
Manitoba	9,730	1,500	15.8	110	8.
Maritime Provinces	11,371	1,180	10.3	114	9.
Maryland	15,684	926	....	3	....
Massachusetts	62,790	2,804	4.4	23	....
Michigan	68,928	2,340	3.4	....	....
Minnesota	24,778	848	3.4	7	....
Mississippi	2,400	29	....	....	....
Missouri	58,960	700	1.18	....	....
Montana	8,962	328	3.6	....	....
Nebraska	25,130	525	2.	3	....
Nevada	1,866	67	3.5	1	....
New Hampshire	15,413	....	....	....	....
New Jersey	30,395	1,040	3.4	....	....
New Mexico	2,469	150	5.	....	....
New York	132,563	3,800	2.8	....	....
North Carolina	13,274	132	1.	....	....
North Dakota	7,705	240	3.1	....	....
Ohio	91,533	993	1.1	....	....
Oklahoma	33,846	512	1.5	....	....
Ontario	53,978	5,056	9.3	337	6.6
Oregon	19,678	648	3.3	....	....
Pennsylvania	168,331	4,580	2.7	....	....
Quebec	5,880	455	7.7	45	10.
Rhode Island	6,057	510	8.5	4	....
Saskatchewan	8,072	1,002	12.4	106	10.
South Carolina	2,625	....	....	....	....
South Dakota	13,228	610	4.6	....	....
Tennessee	25,055	418	1.25	....	....
Texas	38,010	1,081	2.9	....	....
Utah	3,211	....	....	....	....
Vermont	7,606	86	....	....	....
Virginia	27,205	580	2.1	....	....
Washington	26,499	1,077	4.	11	....
West Virginia	30,791	702	2.3	....	....
Wisconsin	20,359	362	.9	....	....
Wyoming	3,009	80	2.7	....	....
Total	1,606,546	67,858	....	1025	....

Total number soldier Odd Fellows from 44 Grand Jurisdictions from which reports have been received..... 46,176
Total number of deaths in service from same Jurisdictions..... 879
Total number soldier Odd Fellows in 6 Canadian Grand Jurisdictions from which reports have been received..... 10,006
Total number of deaths from same Jurisdictions..... 808

Eleven per cent of our Canadian Odd Fellows are in the military service and of this 11 per cent about 8 per cent (being a little less than 1 per cent of our total membership in Canada) have made the supreme sacrifice and have been transferred to the Supreme Lodge above.

It must be remembered that the above figures are not complete, no reports having been received from 12 Jurisdictions and the reports from those which have reported are necessarily far lower than the actual figures. The above figures are, however, both interesting and valuable and by another year we will have more complete reports.

27. OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES.

As stated above, I have been officially called to Washington three times to confer with Government officers.

27A. Food Conservation.

The first was pertaining to food conservation, and I am happy to report that by reason of the loyal and enthusiastic voluntary participation of our people in relation to that question all danger as to food shortage has been dissipated. It will still be necessary for us to exercise the strictest economy and to follow explicitly the directions of the Food Director. There will be some distress, but on the other hand physicians say that the health of our people will be greatly improved as a result of the privations we are compelled to undergo.

27B. Training Camp Activities.

The second visit was in response to a call from the Secretary of War to help adjust the vexed questions as to the rights of fraternal societies in army training camps. (See Circular Letter No. 6, 14b.) After much discussion this matter was finally settled by the issuance of an order from the War Department putting all fraternal societies on the same basis as the Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus. This order came too late, however, to permit our membership to take much part in training camp activities, and I believe that now it will be far better and more appropriate for us to devote our time, attention, and all the money we can raise, for the purpose of keeping our personal representatives at or near the front in order to assist the sick or wounded. All such activities must, in order to prevent duplication of effort, be undertaken in connection with the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross.

27C. Liberty Loan and War Savings.

The third visit was by call of the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of devising ways and means to assist the Government in floating the Third Liberty Loan, and particularly to help in developing ideas of thrift and of saving among our people. In this, also, we have met with a most flattering degree of success.

28. Our Right to Participate in War Activities.

Being non-sectarian does not mean that Odd Fellowship is non-religious. On the contrary, it is an intensely religious institution. Its religious idealism is not intended to advance the interests of specific religious organizations, but rather the larger idea of purely religious life. St. James said "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." That is Odd Fellowship.

In like manner, being non-partisan does not mean that we are not interested in the large ideas of political life and action on which all modern government and social life are based. Good government, clean national life, and particularly the keeping of national faith is of vital importance to us as Odd Fellows. But it is the idea and not the organization in which we are interested.

Or, to make the parallel more complete, being non-political or non-partisan means that our political idealism is not intended to advance the interests of specific, political organizations, but rather the larger ideal of purity in political life, and that, in the highest and best sense of the word "political."

When people ask "Why does Odd Fellowship, a non-sectarian political organization take such deep interest in the world-wide war and its activities?" we can answer, "For two reasons: First, because our brothers and neighbors are in it; second, because Odd Fellowship was born of the same ideals of personal and political liberty which gave birth to the great self-governing nations of the modern world; that Odd Fellowship has grown, as liberty has grown, and that it must also die if freedom dies. We, too, are fighting for our lives and for those ideals which make Odd Fellowship possible."

29. HELPERS AT WASHINGTON.

In connection with our war work activities at Washington, I cannot pass without again expressing my personal obligations as well as the obligations of the Order to Grand Representative E. W. Bradford, for his able, faithful and untiring services in that connection. He has always been ready to drop his personal business and attend first to that of the Order.

I am under special obligation, also, to Congressmen Raker and Huddleston for their counsel and assistance in many ways in our co-operation with the Government at Washington.

30. CREDENTIALS OF MEMBERS IN MILITARY SERVICE.

I recommend that The Sovereign Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare a Visiting Card to be issued to members of the Order who are engaged in the military or naval service, to be good for the duration of the war.

Some such provision is necessary from the fact that the Official Certificates issued from time to time are liable to be lost in the mails and not reach the brothers to whom they belong. It has been suggested that Official Certificates be issued, to be good during the pendency of the war, but this would not be proper for the reason that the brother may leave the army or navy before the war ends, but a properly worded Visiting Card cannot be harmful in any way since it will be authority for visiting only.

31. OFFICIAL DECISIONS.

During the past year no contested question has been presented to this office, but my opinion has been asked on certain matters, in answer to which I have rendered the following decisions:

DECISION No. 1 (S. G. L. CODE 466—MARITIME PROVINCES).

HOME FUNDS.—When a Grand Lodge raises, by assessment or otherwise, a fund for the establishment of a Home for Odd Fellows, such funds can be used for the purpose of establishing an Odd Fellows' Home, where widows of Odd Fellows, whether Rebekahs or not, and the orphans of Odd Fellows, could also be accepted as residents. Such funds or a portion thereof can be used for the purpose of maintaining such a Home when established. When a Grand Lodge creating such fund embraces more than one Province or State, and thereafter such Grand Jurisdiction is divided into two or more Grand Jurisdictions, there should be an equitable division of the funds or property existing at the time of such dissolution, but it is impossible for the Grand Sire or The Sovereign Grand Lodge or for the Grand Lodge to determine in advance how such equitable division of such property shall be accomplished.

DECISION No. 2 (S. G. L. CODE 723—NEBRASKA).

APPEAL ACTS AS A SUPERSEDEAS.—An appeal from a judgment of a subordinate lodge to a Grand Lodge acts as a supersedeas, that is, suspends the execution of the judgment or sentence, unless otherwise provided by local law.

DECISION No. 3 (S. G. L. CODE 159—NORTH CAROLINA).

TRANSFER CERTIFICATES.—In 1914 The Sovereign Grand Lodge in legislating upon the subject of Transfer Certificates enacted the following legislation (1914, Journal, pp., 830 and 838).

"The issuing of a Transfer Certificate shall sever membership in the lodge or encampment issuing it; provided, that if a member becomes sick or disabled, or shall die before the date to which his dues are paid and before completing his membership by signing the constitution of his new lodge or encampment then said transfer certificate of his new lodge or encampment shall be cancelled and returned to the lodge or encampment issuing the same and said member shall retain his beneficial standing in his old lodge or encampment, the same as though the transfer certificate had not been issued.

"If the member fails to sign the constitution of the new lodge or encampment within three months after the date of his election, the transfer certificate shall be cancelled and returned to the lodge or encampment issuing the same and the member shall hold the same standing in his old lodge or encampment as though the transfer certificate had not been issued.

"*Provided*, That the foregoing shall not extend to or affect the Quasi-Independent Grand Jurisdictions."

This legislation was not carried forward into the Code (Section 159) nor was it repealed thereby. The clauses stated above are therefore still the law of the Order. (Journal, 1916, p. 479.)

DECISION No. 4 (S. G. L. CODE 229, 230—COLORADO).

CONFERRING ENCAMPMENT DEGREES.—An encampment may have all the degrees, including the Patriarchal, conferred on its candidates by a

different encampment in another city, provided they proceed in accordance with the law (Sections 229 and 230) prescribed on page 109. Sovereign Grand Lodge Code, 1915.

DECISION No. 5 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—ILLINOIS).

WAR LEGISLATION APPLIES TO ALL BRANCHES OF THE ORDER.—The war legislation adopted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge (Journal, 1917, p. 247) applies to all branches of the Order. Therefore a member of a Rebekah lodge while serving in the military or naval service cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues.

DECISION No. 6 (S. G. L. CODE 470—RHODE ISLAND).

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO ODD FELLOWS' HOMES.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge has not enacted a law fixing qualifications for admission to Odd Fellows' Homes. All such questions are therefore within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges.

DECISION No. 7 (S. G. L. CODE 137—WASHINGTON).

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES.—When an Official Certificate is issued to a member stating, by mistake, that dues are paid to a date later than such dues are actually paid, the lodge is not bound by the receipt and the member should pay the dues as though such mistake had not occurred.

DECISION No. 8 (S. G. L. CODE 187, REBEKAH CODE 6—OREGON).

REBEKAH LODGES, ELIGIBILITY.—A member of the Order who has received the Initiatory Degree and who is otherwise qualified, is eligible to membership in a Rebekah Lodge. (Section 6 Rebekah Code; Section 187 S. G. L. Code; Section 2602 Busbee's Digest.)

DECISION No. 9 (S. G. L. CODE 484—MASSACHUSETTS).

RESIDENCE OF SOLDIER.—In 1882 (S. G. L. J. 1882, pp. 9026 and 9102) The Sovereign Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That persons in the military service of the United States who have been stationed continuously at one post for the space of six months or more, may make application for membership in our Order, provided they apply to the nearest lodge, or otherwise comply with the laws of the Jurisdiction in which the application is made."

This resolution has never been repealed and constitutes the law under which soldiers in training camps may be admitted to the Order. (See Circular Letter No. 8.)

DECISION No. 10 (S. G. L. CODE 2, 6—KENTUCKY).

BENEFITS, LEGISLATION OF 1917.—When a Grand Lodge has adopted legislation permitting its subordinate lodges to limit the benefits paid by such subordinate lodges to 52 weeks in accordance with the legislation of The Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1917, page 249, and a subordinate lodge changes its by-laws so as to limit the payment of benefits to 52 weeks, such legislation will apply to brothers who were on the sick list at the time of the adoption of such by-laws, and if they have received benefits for 52 consecutive weeks their right to further benefits will immediately cease.

DECISION No. 11 (S. G. L. CODE 538, JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—ILLINOIS).

WAR LEGISLATION, NOTICE TO SOLDIER MEMBERS BEFORE D. N. P.—When a member joined the military or naval forces of the United States or of one of the Allies of the United States before the adoption of Article 22 of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code (Journal, 1917, p. 247) he cannot be dropped for non-payment of dues without being notified in accordance with the law that such action is about to be taken. The fact that the Secretary does not know his address will not justify such member being dropped for non-payment of dues, unless legal notice has been given. (Code 539-540.)

If the name of the member has been dropped under the above circumstances, *i. e.*, without legal notice, it must be replaced on the rolls at any time thereafter upon application of such member, and the payment of accrued dues and assessments. After being restored to good standing as above, he is thereafter entitled to all the rights and privileges accorded by law to any other soldier member.

DECISION No. 12 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—ILLINOIS).

WAR LEGISLATION, SOLDIERS IN MILITARY SERVICE OF OUR ALLIES.—A member of a lodge or encampment in the United States or Canada who joins the military or naval forces of England or of any of the Allies of the country in which his lodge or encampment is located, is entitled to all of the benefits and privileges accorded by law to any other soldier member of the Order.

DECISION No. 13 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—MINNESOTA).

WAR LEGISLATION, PAYMENT OF DUES OF SOLDIER MEMBERS.—Article 22 of the Code, adopted and effective September 21, 1917, and known as the War Legislation authorizes Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to provide a fund for the purpose of paying the dues and benefits of such of the members of their subordinate lodges and encampments as may be engaged in the military or naval service.

Section 2 of said Article provides that no member of the Order while serving in the military or naval forces shall be suspended for non-payment of dues or become non-beneficial, the exact wording of the Section being " or lose any right or privilege which he now has."

If a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment does not make provision for the raising of a fund for such purpose, the dues of such members must be charged up against them until such time as provision may be made for their payment, but such charging of dues cannot in any event cause such member to become non-beneficial if he was already in the service and was beneficial September 21, 1917, or if he entered the service after September 21, 1917, and was beneficial at the time he entered the service.

If he was already in the service and was non-beneficial, by reason of being in arrears on September 21, 1917, or if he entered the service after September 21, 1917, and was non-beneficial, by reason of being in arrears at the time of entering the service, he could not be dropped from membership but would remain non-beneficial until restored to beneficial membership by the payment of such arrearage.

He would have the right to pay such arrearage at any time and would become beneficial thereafter in accordance with the laws of his Grand Jurisdiction.

DECISION No. 14 (S. G. L. CODE 1 AND 376—WEST VIRGINIA).

SUSPENSION OF LODGE, RIGHTS OF MEMBERS.—The Grand Lodge of West Virginia at its annual session in October, 1917, suspended a subordinate lodge for 90 days.

The legality of such suspension is not questioned and is not before me for a decision.

Assuming that such suspension was legal and within the power of the Grand Lodge, and that the subordinate lodge was suspended during the 90 day period, then during such period dues of members would not accrue and sick members would not be entitled to benefits.

DECISION No. 15 (S. G. L. CODE 408—WEST VIRGINIA).

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICER ELECT.—The constitution of a Grand Lodge provided that should an elective officer fail to be present at the proper time for installation, such office should be declared vacant and should at once be filled by election.

At the proper time for the installation of the officers of that Grand Lodge the Grand Warden Elect was not present, his absence was not "due to sickness or other unavoidable circumstances." The installing officer did not declare the office vacant and no election was held, so that no one was installed as Grand Warden.

Under such circumstances, the office of Grand Warden is vacant and must be filled by election at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

DECISION No. 16 (S. G. L. CODE 316—VERMONT).

FUNDS, RED CROSS.—It is not a legitimate use of the funds of an Odd Fellows' lodge or encampment to vote money for a donation to the Red Cross.

DECISION No. 17 (S. G. L. CODE 316—VERMONT).

FUNDS RAISED IN NAME OF THE ORDER, RED CROSS.—It is not proper for a lodge or for its members to hold a meeting or entertainment in the name of the Order for the purpose of raising money to be donated to the Red Cross and present the same as coming from the Order.

DECISION No. 18 (S. G. L. CODE 315—NORTH DAKOTA).

FUNDS, RELIEF OF WIDOW.—It is a legitimate use of the funds of the Order to vote a donation of a reasonable amount for the relief of the widow of an Odd Fellow who died while in good standing. (See Busbee's Digest Section 507.)

DECISION No. 19 (S. G. L. CODE 397—COLORADO).

GRAND OFFICER, HONORS OF THE ORDER.—When a Grand Master is visiting a subordinate lodge officially and is to be received with the honors of the Order it is both legal and proper for him to be accompanied by his appointive officers.

The same ruling will apply in other branches of the Order.

DECISION No. 20 (S. G. L. CODE 187, REBEKAH CODE 6—MINNESOTA).

REBEKAH LODGE, ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.—A woman whose husband is not an Odd Fellow may join a Rebekah lodge, provided she is otherwise qualified as provided in the Rebekah Code, Section 6.

DECISION NO. 21 (REBEKAH CODE 6—MINNESOTA).

REBEKAH LODGE, ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.—A woman who has been elected to membership in a Rebekah lodge, and whose eligibility is based solely upon the fact that she is an unmarried woman, and who, before her initiation, marries a man who is not an Odd Fellow, is not eligible to be initiated. (See Decision 28, by Grand Sire Conway, Journal, 1908, pp. 434, 719, 737.)

DECISION NO. 22 (S. G. L. CODE 90—MINNESOTA).

WITHDRAWAL CARD, DEPOSIT OF.—A brother holding an expired withdrawal card cannot be reinstated in his home lodge, but if he rejoins his home lodge he must do so by deposit of withdrawal card the same as he would join any other lodge.

DECISION NO. 23 (S. G. L. CODE 484, 493—MINNESOTA).

RESIDENCE OF CANDIDATE.—Application for membership shall be made to the lodge nearest residence (Code 490).

If a brother has moved and now resides outside of the Grand Jurisdiction in which the lodge to which he formerly belonged is located, and should wish to rejoin his former lodge, he can do so only by securing, first, a waiver from the lodge within whose local Jurisdiction he resides; second, a waiver from the Grand Lodge within whose Jurisdiction he resides; and third, the consent of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction of the lodge which he desires to join.

DECISION NO. 24 (S. G. L. CODE 315—MAINE).

ENTERTAINMENT FUND.—An entertainment fund raised entirely by voluntary contribution or entertainment given for that purpose, may be expended without restriction. If the lodge surrenders its charter, this money should be turned over with the other funds of the lodge.

DECISION NO. 25 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—COLORADO).

WAR LEGISLATION, SOLDIER IN SERVICE OF OUR ALLIES.—Odd Fellowship is an International organization. Its beneficence is not limited by the boundary lines which divide and separate nations.

The war legislation (Journal, 1917, p. 247) authorizes, and, in my opinion contemplates, that the legislation therein provided for shall apply to soldiers and sailors whether in the service of the country in which the lodge is located or in the service of one of the allies of such country, therefore a Grand Lodge may lawfully enact legislation providing for the payment of the dues and benefits of those of its members who are in the military or naval service of any of the allies of the country in which it is located.

DECISION NO. 26 (S. G. L. CODE 187, REBEKAH CODE 6—ILLINOIS).

REBEKAH LODGE, ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.—A member of the Order who has received the Initiatory Degree, and who is otherwise qualified, is eligible to membership in the Rebekah lodge. (Sec. 6 Reb. Code; Sec. 2602 Busbee's Digest.)

(See also Decision No. 18, by Grand Sire Stebbins, 1895, p. 14240. Report Judiciary Committee, 1896, pp. 15003, 15071, 15087. Decision No. 85, by Grand Sire Pinkerton, 1899, pp. 32, 365, 394.)

DECISION No. 27 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—ALBERTA).

WAR LEGISLATION, WHO ENTITLED TO BENEFITS.—A member of the Order, who is in good standing at the time of entering the military or naval service, and who has entered into such service since September 21, 1917, is entitled to the benefits of the war legislation, being Article 22, Journal, 1917, p. 247, and if beneficial at the time of his entering such service he must be retained as a beneficial member until the close of the war or until he leaves such service.

DECISION No. 28 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—ALBERTA).

WAR LEGISLATION, SUBORDINATE BODIES MAY REDUCE OR ABOLISH BENEFITS.—The provision of the war legislation to the effect that "No member of the Order while hereafter serving in the military or naval forces shall be suspended for non-payment of dues, or lose any right or privilege which he now has," does not mean that a subordinate lodge cannot reduce the amount of benefits payable to its members; nor does it mean that a Grand Encampment is prohibited from abolishing payment of pecuniary benefits by its subordinate encampments. If such action is taken, a soldier member still retains all of his rights and privileges as a member of his subordinate body.

A Grand Encampment may, therefore, provide that pecuniary benefits shall not be paid by any of its subordinate encampments, and such legislation shall apply to soldier members as well as to other members.

DECISION No. 29 (S. G. L. CODE 401, 412, 852, 855—ALBERTA).

ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS, ELIGIBILITY TO ADVANCEMENT.—The High Priest in a subordinate encampment and the Grand High Priest in Grand Encampments are not executive officers, and in case the office of Chief Patriarch or Grand Patriarch becomes vacant, his place shall be filled temporarily by the Senior Warden or Grand Senior Warden.

Any Past Chief Patriarch is eligible to the office of Grand Patriarch; service as Grand Senior Warden not being essential.

Eligibility to the office of Chief Patriarch is fixed by the Code, 852, 853.

In case of a vacancy in the office of Grand Patriarch, the vacancy shall be filled as provided in the Code, 412.

In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Patriarch, the vacancy shall be filled by election (Code 855).

DECISION No. 30 (S. G. L. CODE 710—CANAL ZONE).

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE, EXPENSES.—A District Deputy Grand Sire is not entitled to the payment of his expenses from a subordinate lodge within his Jurisdiction for official visits to such subordinate lodge, unless the invitation or request for his official visit carries with it the offer of payment of such expenses. He is not entitled to expenses for official visits from The Sovereign Grand Lodge, unless he first receives from the Grand Sire authority for the making of such visits coupled with a statement that such expenses will be paid by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

DECISION No. 31 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—HAWAII).

WAR LEGISLATION APPLIES TO LODGES UNDER IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.—Article 22 of the Code, being the War Legislation adopted in 1917, page 247, is applicable to all lodges of the

Order, whether they be under the immediate jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge or under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge.

DECISION No. 32 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—HAWAII).

WAR LEGISLATION, DUES AND BENEFITS.—Article 22 of the Code, being the War Legislation adopted in 1917 (p. 247) does not require the actual raising of money for the payment of dues of soldier members. Grand Lodges and lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge are given the authority to raise money for that purpose, but such action is not compulsory. The second clause of such legislation is, however, compulsory, and "No member of the Order while serving in the military or naval forces shall be suspended for non-payment of dues or lose any right or privilege he now has."

DECISION No. 33 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—HAWAII).

WAR LEGISLATION, APPLIES TO SOLDIERS IN TRAINING.—Article No. 22 of the Code, being the War Legislation adopted in 1917 (p. 247) is applicable to soldiers and sailors from the time they enter the service of their respective countries, whether such service be in training camps at home or over seas.

DECISION No. 34 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—HAWAII).

WAR LEGISLATION, BENEFITS TO SOLDIERS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS.—Article No. 22 of the Code, being the War Legislation adopted in 1917 (p. 247) does not change the law providing that benefits shall be paid to soldiers or sailors in government hospitals.

DECISION No. 35 (S. G. L. CODE 6—HAWAII).

BENEFITS.—The amendment to Section 6 of the Code of General Laws, which amendment was adopted in 1917 (p. 249) provides that "Grand Bodies shall have power and authority to enact laws abolishing weekly benefits after the payment of 52 weeks, or to authorize the subordinates of such Grand Bodies to abolish payment of benefits after 52 weeks." This amendment is applicable to lodges working under the immediate jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, so that such subordinate lodges now have the authority to abolish weekly benefits after 52 weeks, if such subordinate lodges so desire.

DECISION No. 36 (S. G. L. CODE 316—NEVADA).

FUNDS, RED CROSS.—It is not a legitimate use of the contingent fund of an Odd Fellows or Rebekah Lodge or Encampment, to vote money from such contingent fund as a donation to the Red Cross.

DECISION No. 37 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—KANSAS).

WAR LEGISLATION, HONORS OF OFFICE.—That portion of the War Legislation enacted in 1917 (p. 247, 3d), providing that officers of the Order "shall be excused for failure to attend any meeting when such failure is due to their service in the military or naval forces" does not authorize the giving of the honors of office to a member in the military or naval service who has not been regularly installed in his office.

DECISION No. 38 (S. G. L. CODE 159—KANSAS).

TRANSFER CERTIFICATES.—The Transfer Certificate Law (Code 159, Journal, 1913, pp. 830 to 838) does not apply to the case of a member

who desires to withdraw from one lodge or encampment and to join another lodge or encampment, unless such member changes his place of residence, as provided therein.

DECISION No. 39 (S. G. L. CODE 490—KANSAS).

MEMBERSHIP IN ENCAMPMENT, LOCATION OF LODGE.—The general law of the Order provides that a candidate must apply for admission to the lodge or encampment nearest his place of residence, unless the Grand Jurisdiction has otherwise provided.

The location of the lodge to which a brother belongs when such brother desires to join an encampment is of no importance. The question is not the location of the lodge, but the place of residence of the brother.

DECISION No. 40 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—MASSACHUSETTS).

WAR LEGISLATION, BENEFITS, HOW LONG TO BE PAID BY GRAND LODGE.—A member of the Order, engaged in the military or naval service, who is taken sick, and by reason of such illness discharged from such service, but who still remains sick, as sickness is defined by the laws of our Order, should be paid benefits until the end of such sickness; and in case a Grand Lodge has assessed its members for the purpose of establishing a fund for the payment of benefits to soldier and sailor members, such benefits should be charged against said fund.

DECISION No. 41 (S. G. L. CODE 401—KENTUCKY).

GRAND MASTER, ELIGIBILITY.—Any Past Grand is eligible to election as Grand Master. It is not necessary that he first pass through the office of Grand Warden or Deputy Grand Master.

DECISION No. 42 (S. G. L. CODE 408—KENTUCKY).

GRAND MASTER ELECT, INSTALLATION IF IN MILITARY SERVICE.—A Grand Master Elect, who is absent from the session of his Grand Lodge, by reason of being engaged in the military or naval service, may, if the Grand Lodge so directs, be installed into his office, wherever he may be, by any qualified member of his Grand Lodge.

DECISION No. 43 (S. G. L. CODE 319—ARKANSAS).

CONTINGENT FUND OF REBEKAH LODGES, FIVE PER CENT ONLY.—Section 319 of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code gives to Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments power to authorize their subordinates to set aside not exceeding ten per cent of their income from all sources as a contingent fund.

In 1917, page 250, this section was amended by the insertion, after the word "subordinates" in line 3, of the words "and Grand Lodges shall have power to authorize Rebekah Assemblies."

As amended, the power to establish contingent funds is now vested in subordinate lodges, subordinate encampments and Rebekah Assemblies, when authority for such fund has been specifically granted by their Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, respectively.

The law providing for the establishment of contingent funds was enacted in 1890 (p. 12232). This contingent fund was originally established at five per cent of the receipts for dues.

In 1891 (pp. 12610 and 12651) this law was amended so as to include Rebekah lodges.

As the law now stands with relation to Rebekah lodges, the Grand Lodges have power to authorize Rebekah lodges "to set aside five per cent of their receipts for dues as a contingent fund."

Rebekah lodges are not authorized to establish the above contingent funds unless specific authority for that purpose has been granted by the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction. The granting of authority to subordinate lodges to establish contingent funds does not authorize the establishment of such contingent funds by Rebekah lodges.

DECISION No. 44 (S. G. L. CODE 315—WISCONSIN).

FUNDS, ENTERTAINMENT FUNDS.—Whenever "Sunshine Funds" or "Entertainment Funds" or any other funds of like character are established by subordinate or Rebekah lodges or encampments, whether such funds are established from voluntary contributions, from receipts from entertainments, or in whatever similar manner, such funds should always be under the control of the lodge, but all such funds may be administered as the lodge may direct unless the by-law establishing such fund has limited the expenditure to specific purposes, in which case, of course, the expenditure must be in accordance with the by-law.

DECISION No. 45 (S. G. L. CODE 85, 166, 170—NORTH CAROLINA).

WITHDRAWAL CARDS ISSUED BY GRAND BODIES.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code (Sec. 166) fixes the price of the Dismissal Certificate at one dollar.

In Sec. 85 it provides that Grand Bodies may prescribe the fee that shall be charged for a Withdrawal Card.

Sec. 170 provides for the issuance by Grand Bodies of Withdrawal Cards under certain circumstances to members of defunct lodges.

Under these circumstances, Grand Lodges have the power to prescribe the fee that shall be charged for Withdrawal Card when such card is issued to a member of a defunct lodge.

DECISION No. 46 (REBEKAH CODE 7 AND 16—MINNESOTA).

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS OF REBEKAH LODGES.—Decision No. 27, to be found on page 27 of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal of 1917, was regularly approved by The Sovereign Grand Lodge and is the law of the Order.

DECISION No. 47 (REBEKAH CODE 7 AND 16—MINNESOTA).

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS, POWERS OF.—The passwords of the Rebekah lodge must not be given to, or be taken up by, the President of a Rebekah District Association meeting.

DECISION No. 48 (REBEKAH CODE 7 AND 16—MINNESOTA).

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS, OPENING MEETINGS.—The President of a Rebekah District Association has no right to open such meeting using the passwords and signs, as in a Rebekah lodge.

DECISION No. 49 (REBEKAH CODE 7 AND 16—MINNESOTA).

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS, INSTALLATION CEREMONY FORM.—A Rebekah District Association has no right to provide an installation ceremony for the installation of the officers of such association.

DECISION No. 50 (REBEKAH CODE 7 AND 16—MINNESOTA).

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS, ENCOURAGEMENT OF, POWERS OF.—It is the policy of the Order to encourage the organization and work of District Associations of Rebekah lodges for the purpose of studying the law of the Order, and especially the secret work and the exemplification of the Rebekah Degree.

The secret work of the Order and the exemplification of the Rebekah Degree, whenever given at such District Association meetings, must be given by and under the control of the local Rebekah lodge at regular or special meetings thereof.

The District Association, itself, has no right to exemplify the Rebekah Degree, to take up the passwords, or to discuss the secret work.

DECISION No. 51 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—MASSACHUSETTS).

WAR LEGISLATION, PERSONS IN MILITARY SERVICE.—The personnel of the military and naval forces of the United States is defined by Section 101, Act of Congress, known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, approved March 8, 1918, as follows:

"Section 101. That the term 'persons in military service,' as used in this act, shall include the following persons and no others: All officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, the Regular Army Reserve, the Officers' Reserve Corps, and the Enlisted Reserve Corps; all officers and enlisted men of the National Guard and National Guard Reserve recognzied by the Militia Bureau of the War Department; all forces raised under the Act entitled 'An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States,' approved May eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen; all officers and enlisted men of the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard; all officers and enlisted men of the Naval Militia, Naval Reserve Force, Marine Corps Reserve, and National Naval Volunteers recognized by the Navy Department; all officers of the Public Health Service detailed by the Secretary of the Treasury for duty either with the Army or the Navy; any of the personnel of the Lighthouse Service and of the Coast and Geodetic Survey transferred by the President to the service and jurisdiction of the War Department or of the Navy Department; members of the Nurse Corps; Army field clerks; field clerks, Quartermaster Corps; civilian clerks and employees on duty with the military forces detailed for service abroad in accordance with provisions of existing law; and members of any other body who have heretofore or may hereafter become a part of the military or naval forces of the United States. The term 'military service,' as used in this definition, shall signify active service in any branch of service heretofore mentioned or referred to, but reserves and persons on the retired list shall not be included in the term 'persons in military service' until ordered to active service. The term 'active service' shall include the period during which a person in military service is absent from duty on account of sickness, wounds, leave, or other lawful cause."

DECISION No. 52 (S. G. L. CODE 926—WEST VIRGINIA).

PENAL OFFENSES, DESERTION.—Desertion from the naval or military forces is sufficient ground for the filing of charges against a member of the Order, and for his expulsion from the Order.

DECISION No. 53 (S. G. L. CODE 289—COLORADO).

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, HOW CHARGED AND COLLECTED.—When a lodge provides for the levying of a special assessment, the law requires that such assessment shall be charged and collected "as dues." If a member of such lodge fails to pay such assessment, but has paid his dues in advance so that the amount of money paid by him "as dues" is greater than the amount of accrued dues and assessments, such brother is not in arrears. (Code 289.)

The assessment having been charged "as dues," and the brother having paid a sufficient amount "as dues" to meet both "dues" and "assessments," it follows that the amount of dues paid by the brother, and which was paid by him for the purpose of keeping himself in good standing, should be applied to the payment of both dues and assessments.

DECISION No. 54 (S. G. L. CODE 475—ARIZONA).

MEMBERSHIP, ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS PHYSICALLY DISABLED.—The question of admission to membership in the Order of persons who are physically disabled by the loss of a limb, was settled in 1868 (pp. 4384 and 4417) by the adoption of a very full report and discussion of the subject by the Committee on State of the Order. The resolution adopted at that time, and which now governs the subject, is as follows:

"The question of eligibility to membership in the Order by initiation of persons who have lost a limb is hereby remitted to the jurisdiction and disposal of the subordinate lodge to which admission is asked."

DECISION No. 55 (JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—MICHIGAN).

WAR LEGISLATION, REMISSION OF DUES NOT LEGAL.—Article 22 of the Code, adopted in 1917 (Journal, p. 247), does not authorize a Grand Encampment to provide that its subordinate encampments may remit the dues of members engaged in the military service of their country. The provisions of Article 22 must be followed.

DECISION No. 56 (S. G. L. CODE 109, 121, 124, 500—IOWA).

REBEKAH LODGE, NON-CONTRIBUTING MEMBER, VISITING CARD FOR.—The law provides (Journal, 1913, pp. 427-444) that a member of a Rebekah lodge who has become sixty years of age, and has been a contributing member for twenty-five consecutive years, may not be dropped for non-payment of dues but must be retained as a non-contributing member.

Such a member is "entitled to the passwords and fellowship of lodges and shall have all the privileges of active members.

Such a member may be granted a visiting card, as provided for in the Code, Sections 109-121-124.

DECISION No. 57 (S. G. L. CODE 356, 369, 373, 391—COLORADO).

PER CAPITA TAX OF LODGES.—The question as to whether or not a lodge instituted in June should be required to pay *per capita* tax for the full term of six months is a matter to be determined by local legislation of the Grand Body.

DECISION No. 58 (S. G. L. CODE 551—INDIANA).

RE-INSTATEMENT, SIGNING OF CONSTITUTION.—When a member is re-instated in a lodge, it is not necessary or proper that such member should again sign the constitution unless the local law so provides (Code 551).

DECISION No. 59 (S. G. L. CODE 788—INDIANA).

AS TO REGULAR MEETINGS ON HOLIDAYS.—When the regular meeting night of a lodge falls on the date of any national or other legally established and generally recognized holiday, according to the laws or customs of the State or country where such lodge is held, it shall be lawful for such lodge to omit such meeting.

DECISION No. 60 (S. G. L. CODE 882—SOUTH DAKOTA).

HONORS OF OFFICE FOR SOLDIER OFFICERS IN SUBORDINATE LODGE.—The war legislation of 1917 (p. 247) provides that an officer of a lodge or encampment will not forfeit the honors of his office because of his enforced absence in the military service.

If, therefore, an officer who has been installed into office is required to be absent in performance of his military duties, the proper course for the lodge to pursue is to let that fact appear upon the minutes, and show that the brother is excused from attendance by reason of his absence in the military service.

If such officer be the Noble Grand of the lodge, the Vice Grand will thereafter fill the chair, as in other cases of absence of the Noble Grand. It would not be proper for the lodge to elect another member as Noble Grand.

DECISION No. 61 (WAR LEGISLATION—VERMONT).

BACK DUES OF SOLDIER MEMBER.—The war legislation of 1917 (p. 247) provides that "No member of the Order, while hereafter serving in the military or naval forces, shall be suspended for non-payment of dues, or lose any right or privilege which he now has."

Under this law a member automatically holds the same *status* in the Order which he had at the time of his entry into the military service. If he was beneficial at that time he remains beneficial during his term of military service. If he was in arrears to such an extent as to be non-beneficial he must remain non-beneficial, unless he restores himself to beneficial membership, in the same manner as though he had not entered the military service. At any rate, his dues prior to the date of his entry into such military service and for the period elapsing between his entry into the military service and September 21, 1917, the date when such war legislation became effective, must be paid by the brother, himself, or by some one for him, but not in any event by the lodge or by authority of the war legislation of 1917.

DECISION No. 62 (S. G. L. CODE 373—WASHINGTON).

GERMAN LANGUAGE IN LODGES:—POWER OF GRAND LODGES.—Section 373 of the Code provides:

"Grand Lodges shall have authority at their discretion to grant charters to subordinate lodges within their respective Jurisdictions."

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has from time to time authorized a translation of the ritual into the German and other foreign languages, but has not adopted any legislation respecting the chartering of lodges to work in such languages. Therefore, under the general powers of Grand Lodges, they have authority to grant charters to work in foreign languages.

The issuing of a charter to a subordinate lodge to do its work in a foreign language does not confer upon such lodge any vested right to the use of such language, and the authority to work in such foreign language may be revoked at the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

DECISION No. 63 (WAR LEGISLATION—SASKATCHEWAN).

DUES OF DISCHARGED SOLDIER.—The war legislation of 1917, as finally adopted (Journal, p. 247), in paragraph 5th omits the words: "and for thirty days after members shall be discharged from the military and naval service."

Therefore, when a soldier is discharged from the military or naval service, and the Grand Lodge has been paying his dues from a special fund raised for that purpose, the liability of the Grand Lodge ceases upon his discharge.

DECISION No. 64 (SASKATCHEWAN).

CONSTITUTION OF GRAND LODGE CANNOT BE CHANGED BY RESOLUTION.—The Constitution of a Grand Lodge provides that "The Advisory Board shall appoint standing committees immediately after the session of the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge cannot, by the adoption of a resolution, direct the Advisory Board as to who shall or shall not be appointed on such committees. Any such direction must be made by amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

DECISION No. 65 (S. G. L. CODE 319—CANAL ZONE).

CONTINGENT FUND.—Interest received by a lodge from its investments is a part of the income of the lodge, and under Section 319 of the Code authorizing lodges "to set aside not exceeding ten per cent of their income from all sources as a contingent fund," not more than ten per cent of such interest can be applied to the contingent fund.

DECISION No. 66 (S. G. L. CODE 466-470—INDIANA).

ELIGIBILITY TO ODD FELLOWS HOME.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge has left the matter of fixing qualifications for admission to Homes maintained by the Order to the Grand Jurisdictions.

If the law of the Grand Jurisdiction provides that the widow of a member is not eligible for admission to a home unless her husband was beneficial at the time of his death, that rule is binding upon the widow.

If the widow belongs to a Rebekah lodge in one Jurisdiction, and the husband belonged to a subordinate lodge in another Jurisdiction, the question of the widow's admission to one or the other of these Homes depends entirely upon their local law. She cannot be refused admission to the Home in the Grand Jurisdiction to which her husband belonged solely because she belongs to a Rebekah lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, but, if she is not eligible under the law of the Grand Lodge to which her husband belonged, they are not compelled to admit her because of the fact that she belongs to a Rebekah lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction. The law in each Jurisdiction must be applied, regardless of the fact that the husband and wife belonged in different Grand Jurisdictions.

DECISION No. 67 (S. G. L. CODE 500—CALIFORNIA).

VETERAN CHEVALIER CANNOT BE D. N. P.—A Chevalier, who has been in good standing in his canton for twenty-five (25) consecutive years and who is sixty (60) years of age, cannot be dropped for non-payment of dues. (See Resolution No. 39, Paragraph 6th, Journal, 1915, pp. 251-255, and Code Section 500.)

DECISION No. 68 (S. G. L. CODE 1, 3, 6—IOWA).

PAYMENT OF SICK BENEFITS.—The Constitution for subordinate lodges of a Grand Lodge, adopted in October, 1917, provides: "Every member . . . shall receive . . . . but which benefits shall not be less than two dollars a week for the first year."

The by-laws of a subordinate lodge in the above Jurisdiction provides: "Every member . . . . shall receive . . . . and one dollar per week thereafter during the continuance of the illness."

A member of the said subordinate lodge, who has already been paid fifty-two weeks' sick benefits, is still entitled to draw benefits at the rate of one dollar per week.

DECISION No. 69 (S. G. L. CODE 1, 3, 6—IOWA).

PAYMENT OF SICK BENEFITS.—The amendments to Sections 1, 3 and 6 of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code (Journal, 1917, p. 249) are permissive in their character.

These amendments give to Grand Lodges the power of "abolishing weekly benefits after the payment of fifty-two weeks' benefits, or authorizing the subordinates of such Grand Bodies to abolish weekly benefits after the payment of fifty-two weeks' benefits."

After the adoption of the above amendments a Grand Lodge adopted a Constitution for subordinate lodges, providing: "but which benefits shall not be less than two dollars a week for the first year." Under the above Constitution it is optional with a subordinate lodge to pay or not to pay benefits after the payment of fifty-two weeks' benefits.

A by-law of a subordinate lodge, adopted prior to the adoption of the above Constitution for subordinate lodges, and providing for the payment of one dollar per week after the payment of fifty-two weeks' benefits, remains in force.

DECISION No. 70 (S. G. L. CODE 3—MISSOURI).

BENEFITS, AFTER 52 WEEKS' PAYMENT.—In 1917 (Journal, p. 249) Section 3 of the Code was amended to read as follows:

"The benefits paid by subordinate lodges shall not be less than two dollars per week until the brother shall have received fifty-two weeks' benefits . . . ."

The question has been submitted:

(1) "Does the expression 'fifty-two weeks' benefits' mean fifty-two weeks consecutively or fifty-two weeks in the aggregate?"

(2) "When the brother has drawn fifty-two weeks in the aggregate, is he barred from further benefits?"

Answering the last question first, I would say that the above section, as amended, is not a bar to the payment of benefits and is no limitation upon the payment of benefits in relation to time after the expiration of fifty-two weeks, or in relation to amount above the sum of two dollars per week.

The only effect of this law is to make it necessary that subordinate lodges shall pay benefits in an amount not less than two dollars per week for a period of not less than fifty-two weeks.

Answering the first question, I would say that in the absence of explanatory or limiting legislation by the Grand Lodge or in the by-laws of the subordinate lodge, the subordinate lodge must pay fifty-two weeks' benefits for a sickness, whether such benefits be paid consecutively or at different times for the same sickness.

If a brother has received fifty-two weeks' benefits for one sickness, and is afterwards taken with another sickness, he will then be entitled to benefits.

A Grand Lodge, or a subordinate lodge if such legislation be not in opposition to the law of its Grand Lodge, has the right under Section 3, as amended, to limit the benefits to be paid to a brother to an amount not less than two dollars per week and to a period of fifty-two weeks, whether such payments for a period of fifty-two weeks be for one sickness or more, and whether they be paid consecutively or at different times.

DECISION NO. 71—OKLAHOMA.

WAR LEGISLATION, NOBLE GRAND, HONORS OF OFFICE.—Under the war legislation of 1917 where a Noble Grand enters the military or naval service, the records of the lodge should show that he is thereby excused from further attendance, and in the interim the Vice Grand will perform the duties of the Noble Grand as in any other case of the absence of the Noble Grand.

The law does not authorize the election of a Noble Grand until the term of office of the soldier member has expired.

DECISION NO. 72 (S. G. L. JOURNAL, 1917, PAGE 247—VERMONT).

DUES OF REBEKAH MEMBERS IN MILITARY SERVICE.—Members of a Rebekah lodge who are in the military service are not exempt from paying dues. If they do not pay dues they cannot be D. N. P., and in that case the dues will be charged against them, and will stand after the war as unpaid dues unless further legislation be enacted in relation to the subject. The Rebekah lodge of which such persons are members must pay per capita taxes to the Rebekah Assembly pending further legislation on the subject.

32. RITUAL IN NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE.

No action has been taken in the above matter, and, in view of the opinions expressed in relation to Circular Letter No. 9, I recommend that it be dropped.

Ten years ago we had ten Norwegian lodges. Now they are all American.

33. JOINT INSTALLATION CEREMONY.

The legislation adopted last year, providing for a Joint Installation Ceremony, has met with universal approval. I believe that a wider adoption of the use of this ceremony will have a tendency to bring the work of the subordinate and Rebekah branches of the Order into closer

harmony and co-operation, and I wish that wherever there is a subordinate and Rebekah lodge located in the same town that this Ceremony be adopted and used.

34. CONSTITUTIONS.

A number of amendments to Constitutions and By-Laws have been received, passed upon by me, and referred to the Committee on Constitution, for final action. In this connection I wish to say that, in my opinion, the work of passing upon Constitutions and By-Laws should not be imposed upon the Grand Sire, but should devolve upon the Deputy Grand Sire as a sort of preparatory work for the office of Grand Sire. Being included in the work of the Grand Sire, it adds materially to his already heavy burdens, while its reference to the Deputy Grand Sire would not be burdensome to him, and such Constitutions and By-Laws would receive more careful attention.

35. THE FRATERNAL PRESS.

It is impossible to say too much in favor of the splendid devotion to our Order of the editors of our Fraternal papers. Few if any of them are remunerative to their editors and publishers, and this is particularly true in this time of increasing prices. Our Fraternal papers constitute, however, substantially the only means of communication within the Order. I firmly believe that if every Odd Fellow and Rebekah were a subscriber to and a careful reader of one or more of our Fraternal papers, the power and influence of our Order would be substantially doubled. Ignorance is the greatest drawback to the development of humanity, and ignorance of the work and achievements of our Order is the greatest drawback to the development of Odd Fellowship.

More strength, power and influence to the splendid men who are carrying on this part of the work of our Order.

36. SECRETARIES AND GRAND SECRETARIES.

The center of life, the heart of a lodge, is at the Secretary's desk. A really good Secretary is like "the pearl of great price," for which a lodge might well give up its other possessions. The growth of our Order proves that we have been particularly blessed with good Secretaries; but in an Order which calls for more than 30,000 such officials, there must of course be some who are not as good as others. Every Secretary should answer promptly and fully every request made upon him, and particularly those from his Grand Secretary. If this had been done, our total showing of soldier members would undoubtedly be much better, and therefore much more valuable. Every Grand Secretary should answer promptly and completely every request that comes to his office, and particularly those emanating from the Sovereign Grand Secretary or the Grand Sire. If this had been done, there would be no blanks in our table of soldier members. Unless the Secretaries of the subordinate lodges make complete reports to the Grand Secretary, it will be impossible for the Grand Secretaries to make proper reports to the Sovereign Grand Secretary.

I wish this part of my report could be read in every subordinate lodge of the Order.

37. HALIFAX DISASTER.

On the morning of December 6, 1917, the world was shocked by the news of a disaster of unparalled character and proportion. A ship, containing perhaps 3000 tons of the most powerful and destructive explosive known to modern science exploded in the harbor of Halifax, Nova Scotia, causing the death of scores of people and the destruction of a large portion of the City of Halifax and its suburbs. Among those killed were twelve Odd Fellows and the wives of two Odd Fellows. Ten widows and sixteen orphans under sixteen years of age were left by the awful disaster to the care of the Order. The loss of property to the Order and its members was estimated at $150,000.

Knowing that he gives twice who gives quickly, I instructed our Grand Treasurer to wire $1000 to Brother Joseph Oliver, Chairman of our Finance Committee, with instructions to use it, at his discretion, for the relief of our membership.

Odd Fellowship has been noted for its prompt and liberal response in other disasters, such as the Chicago Fire, the Johnstown Flood, the Galveston Tidal Wave, the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, and the floods which devastated Ohio and Indiana in 1913. In all such cases our membership in Canada opened their purses liberally, and it seemed right and proper that we should go to the assistance of our brothers in Halifax. I therefore issued an appeal for financial help, requesting all contributions to be sent to Past Grand Master W. S. Rogers, Box 505 Halifax, Nova Scotia, who has made to me a complete report of such contributions.

I attach hereto a résumé of such report. The complete report showing the name and number of every contributing lodge, and all the papers in connection with the matter will be submitted to the proper committee.

38. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE I. O. O. F. HALIFAX RELIEF FUND.

Sovereign Grand Lodge	$1,000.00	New Hampshire	500.00
Alaska	15.00	New York	3,655.38
Alberta	152.15	North Carolina	275.00
Arizona	510.50	Oklahoma	250.00
British Columbia	1,346.25	Ontario	8,434.72
California	4,527.56	Oregon	1,182.88
Colorado	85.00	Pennsylvania	2,000.00
Connecticut	200.00	Quebec	676.55
Dist. of Columbia	97.25	Rhode Island	806.89
Georgia	100.00	Saskatchewan	10.00
Illinois	1,610.00	South Dakota	552.40
Iowa	202.50	Texas	305.00
Maine	1,705.00	Utah	482.00
Manitoba	438.00	Vermont	1.00
Maritime Provinces	3,571.36	Virginia	340.85
Massachusetts	525.00	Wyoming	370.00
Minnesota	100.00		$38,610.35
Montana	1,736.11	Interest	224.16
Nebraska	821.00	Total	$38,834.51
Nevada	25.00		

39. I. O. O. F. RELIEF FUND.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT TO JUNE 30, 1918, HALIFAX, N. S.

EXPENDITURES.

1917					
Dec.	18	To cash	Bro. H. W. Dawes	$50.00	
"	18	" "	Mrs. Alfred Cole	25.00	
"	24	" "	Mrs. Eugene Churchill	25.00	
1918					
Jan.	2	" "	Bro. J. T. Pulsiver	25.00	
"	10	" "	Mrs. Bendell	50.00	
"	10	" "	Mrs. White	15.00	
"	10	" "	Miss Lavers	50.00	
"	10	" "	Mrs. Gibson	25.00	
"	12	" "	Bro. T. Shultz	10.00	
"	16	" "	Mrs. Arthur Hawkins	25.00	
"	16	" "	Mrs. Nickerson	15.00	
"	17	" "	Bro. George Ferris	100.00	
"	17	" "	Bro. J. P. Brodie	100.00	
"	17	" "	Bro. W. B. Williams	100.00	
"	17	" "	Bro. R. Fleming	100.00	
"	17	" "	Mrs. George Marshall	50.00	
"	17	" "	Mrs. Alfred Cole	10.00	
"	17	" "	Ross Printing Co. Stationery	8.00	
"	23	" "	Mrs. Bendell	50.00	
"	23	" "	Mrs. J. Stephens	50.00	
"	25	" "	Mrs. Alfred Cole	10.00	
"	28	" "	Bro. E. S. Giffin	50.00	
"	31	" "	Sundry Office Expenses	13.93	
Feb.	1	" "	Bro. W. Henneberry	100.00	
"	1	" "	Bro. Wilber McDonald	15.00	
"	4	" "	Mrs. Mary White	25.00	
"	4	" "	Mrs. W. Arthur	50.00	
Mar.	4	" "	Printing, advertising, etc	16.27	
"	4	" "	Sundry Office Expenses	21.53	
"	12	" "	Mrs. Nickerson	37.50	
"	21	" "	I. O. O. F. Temple	400.00	
April	11	" "	Mrs. Eugene Churchill	50.00	
"	11	" "	Advertising and Sundry Office Expenses	13.74	
"	12	" "	Mrs. Robert Wilson	100.00	
"	12	" "	Mrs. R. Evans	50.00	
"	12	" "	Ross Printing Co., Stationery	5.50	
"	23	" "	Bro. Ira Mason	67.50	
June	30	" "	in Royal Bank	36,925.54	
					$38,834.51

Fraternally submitted,
(Signed) GEO. W. BOYCE, Treasurer,
Grand Guardian, G. L., M. P. of C.

Attest:
(Signed) Wm. Stephen Rogers, P. G. M. and P. G. R., Chairman.

40. FUTURE USE OF HALIFAX RELIEF FUND.

While the report makes no comment on the fact that, while there was such appalling loss of both life and property, there has been ex-

pended from this fund less than $2000, leaving almost $37,000 still on hand, it is fair to presume that there are two reasons.

1st. Since the explosion was directly a result of the war and was, substantially, a war loss, the governments of both the Dominion of Canada and of the British nation contributed heavily, and the United States to some extent, so that the relief was much greater in proportion to the loss than is usually the case.

2d. The balance on hand is doubtless being held for relief of these widows and orphans when other relief shall fail, or for return to the donors if it shall develop that the Dominion Government determines to treat the matter as a war loss and assume the entire risk.

41. LOST RITUALS.

It has come to my attention that some of our lodges have not been as careful as they ought to be with the rituals. I submit herewith certain correspondence on the subject and ask that the matter be given your most serious consideration. If the committee to which this matter is submitted will consult with the Grand Secretaries Association on this subject, I am sure they will receive very valuable information.

42. REBEKAH DEGREE.

Our reports show that the Rebekah branch of the Order has made a substantial growth in membership of both brothers and sisters. Our good sisters are doing very great work for humanity in maintaining their branch of Odd Fellowship, and I cannot too strongly recommend that our brothers everywhere join their Rebekah lodges, not only for the purpose of giving to these lodges their financial and moral support, but the brothers, themselves, will be educated and inspired by attending their meetings.

In this connection, I wish to say again that the use of the Joint Installation Ceremony will be of great value to both branches of the Order.

43. ASSOCIATION OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES.

The question of establishing a Sovereign Body, composed of representatives of Rebekah Assemblies has been agitated for some time. The experience of this Order, and of all similar organizations, shows that there are serious objections to establishing such a Sovereign Body without legislative authority, and of course that there are still more serious objections to the establishing of such a body with legislative authority.

The matter of the expenses of such an organization will also be a serious question, especially at this time when all traveling expenses have been so enormously increased. If a tax be levied, it will add to the already very great burdens laid upon our membership. If attendance be voluntary, there will be many Assemblies not represented.

On the contrary, there are of course many advantages to be derived from the meeting and associating together of our sisters from the various Jurisdictions.

Whether or not this matter can be satisfactorily harmonized and adjusted is a question which merits your serious consideration.

44. PATRIARCHAL BRANCH.

The Patriarchal branch of the Order also shows a most satisfactory growth.

It is hoped that your legislation, if any be needed at this session, shall be such as to continue this growth.

45. PATRIARCHS MILITANT.

Under the able and enthusiastic leadership of General John K. Ritter, the highest branch of Odd Fellowship is in splendid condition, the increase in membership being four times that of last year. We cannot give too much praise to the officers and men for their devotion to this work, especially in these times of increasing prices. We have the most beautiful uniform worn by any quasi-military organization, but that very fact makes it the most expensive.

The result of this war will necessarily be to arouse a larger interest in military matters, and the growth of this branch ought to be greatly increased in the coming years.

I ask that the most careful consideration be given to Gen. Ritter's report, and to the recommendations of the General Military Council.

The membership of this Council is in attendance at their own expense, and they have cheerfully given freely of their time and thought for the building up of this branch of our Order.

46. ODD FELLOWS HOMES.

While our reports are not complete, there are unquestionably 100,000 members of our Order now in the military or naval service. The inevitable casualties of the war must result in the loss of a large number of these brothers, leaving more widows and orphans in our care than we had contemplated when these Homes were established.

Here, again, the increasing expense of living will make the maintenance of these Homes an extraordinarily heavy burden upon our membership. This burden, however, we must cheerfully bear, for the reason that these good brothers have given up their lives for *our* protection and for the maintenance of *our* liberties.

47. LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE.

Pursuant to the work presented to us last year, we have had the pleasure of co-operating in many ways with the League to Enforce Peace. There was a great meeting of this organization in Philadelphia last spring. I appointed Gen. Bradford, Grand Secretary Goodwin and Grand Representatives Parker, of New York, and Mohr, of Pennsylvania, to attend this meeting and assist in its work. They will be able to give fuller information as to what was accomplished by this great body of unselfish men who attended this meeting by the thousands, and all of them, as did our representatives, at their own expense.

48. ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

I cannot close this report without expressing my deep appreciation to all members of the Order with whom I have come in contact for their uniform courtesy and assistance. I must especially mention, however, all the Past Grand Sires; Grand Secretary Goodwin; Brother J. M. Norman, Editor of the *Colorado Odd Fellow*, for special courtesies ex-

tended by him in connection with the fraternal press; Gen. E. W. Bradford, for valuable assistance given by him in connection with governmental activities; Brother Joseph Oliver, Chairman of the Finance Committee, for his invaluable assistance in connection with the work of the Halifax disaster; and to Gen. John K. Ritter, for his magnificent leadership of the Patriarchs Militant Army. There are numberless others whom I ought to mention, but time and space forbid.

I am especially under personal obligation to Gen. C. W. Varnum, Grand Representative, for valuable assistance and co-operation, and particularly for assisting me in the vast amount of office work which has devolved upon the Grand Sire during my administration.

49. FAREWELL.

Again, I thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me, and for the honors you have conferred upon me, and from the bottom of an overflowing heart I wish to each of you and to this great Order long years of unbroken success.

Grand Sire.

The Grand Sire presented the report of the General Commanding, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant.

The Grand Sire submitted the following supplemental report, which was referred to the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF FRANK C. GOUDY, GRAND SIRE

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

We are forcibly reminded of the shortness of life and that what we do must be done quickly, by the fact that, almost since we started from our homes for this meeting three of our members, Frank H. Castner, of Minnesota, and John E. Bunker, of Maine, valued members of this body, and A. E. Hyland, of Iowa, who was Grand Scribe and who had just been elected Grand Representative, have been called to make a final report of their activities in this life.

WAR RELIEF WORK.

On August 26, 1918, the following circular letter was issued:

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 12.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

DENVER, COLORADO, U. S. A., August 26, 1918.

To the Lodges, Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, Cantons and Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Since sending out Circular Letter No. 11, in relation to war relief work in France, I have received so many letters of commendation and approval, and so many helpful suggestions as to method of work, that I am fully convinced The Sovereign Grand Lodge will adopt some effective plan of sending distinctive Odd Fellow Relief where it is most needed.

One suggestion presented is that an assessment will not begin to produce results until at least next January or February, and that there is much preliminary work that must be done if results are to meet our expectations. The plans suggested in Circular Letter No. 11 might be consolidated, it is said, so that there will be neither delay nor call on the treasury of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

For this preliminary work only a comparatively small fund will be needed, and some rich and generous lodges or individuals might be glad to add largely to the assessment that may be levied by making a voluntary subscription to this work. If each lodge in the Order will make an immediate contribution, even though it be small, the aggregate will be large enough so that not only all preliminary expenses, but also all expenses of administration of the fund raised by assessment, will be provided for, and thus every cent raised by assessment will be used directly for relief overseas or elsewhere as needed.

I am therefore sending this appeal for immediate voluntary contributions to this fund, and I trust that the Grand Officers, who have so loyally supported and helped me the past two years, will heed this most important call and transmit this appeal promptly to their subordinate lodges with a request that contributions be sent immediately to the

Grand Secretary of each Grand Jurisdiction, so that he can notify The Sovereign Grand Lodge by wire, while still in session, of the amount received by September 19.

All contributions will be transmitted by the Grand Secretaries to Grand Seceretary John B. Goodwin, who will pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, and they will be kept in a separate fund, to be known as The War Relief Fund.

So far as we in the United States are concerned, the war has just begun. Our casualty lists are hardly started as yet. But unless we are happily disappointed, the war will last many months, and probably years, and tens of thousands of our brave boys must make the sacrifice. As I approach the closing days of my administration I feel that it would be neither right to our soldier members, nor just to my successor, nor fair to our membership, to take no steps to start the work of promptly sending relief across the water or elsewhere as needed.

Time is of vast importance, and especially so with such an intricate and complicated work as we have presented to us. Our membership has many other calls for its beneficence, but none of this magnitude, or that appeals to us, as Odd Fellows, with half the heart-compelling power that this appeal does.

Our next Grand Sire will have his heart and his hands full of the ordinary work of his high office, and he ought not to start out hampered with the need of immediate funds for this work.

Let us each, then, do our best. Let each lodge, encampment and canton, and every member of each, contribute to this most blessed of all funds our Order has ever raised, in proportion as we may be able without material injury to ourselves.

Enough of your responses will reach The Sovereign Grand Lodge in time to encourage it in preparing largely for a great work, and the balance will be immediately available, so that no further time will be lost in putting our Order on the fighting line and at the forefront of the greatest relief work of all time.

With absolute confidence in your willing and liberal response to what I fully believe is not only my last, but also my best, official appeal to you, I remain

Yours in Friendship, Love and
Truth, for the relief of our brothers,
FRANK C. GOUDY, Grand Sire.

The first response to Circular Letter No. 12, an appeal for voluntary contributions for war relief work overseas, comes from Wisconsin in the following beautiful letter from General Burne Pollock, Department Commander:

September 12, 1918.

Hon. Frank Goudy, Grand Sire, St. Louis, Missouri:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your Circular Letter No. 12, relative to war-relief fund, was read at the meeting of the canton last night, and the members present responded very liberally to the request for voluntary contributions, and I am sending you the canton's bankable voucher-check for $21.21, the amount of the collection taken up. Every "little bit" will help in the raising of such a fund as you contemplate, and I trust that this small contribution will be only one of many sent in response to your request for immediate funds.

I am getting ready to leave Milwaukee Saturday to go to St. Louis to attend the meeting of the General Military Council.

With best wishes, I am,

Chivalrously and fraternally,
BURNE POLLOCK, Clerk.

The second response is from Colorado, as follows:

DENVER, COLORADO, September 12, 1918.

Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire, St. Louis, Missouri:

DEAR BROTHER GOUDY: It affords me great pleasure to advise you that in response to your Circular No. 12, appealing for your donations to an Overseas Relief Fund and which circular has just been sent out to our subordinate lodges, I have responses already from six of our lodges donating the sum of $52.50.

Fraternally yours,
O. E. JACKSON, Grand Secretary.

These responses are but typical of many that will follow and bring the first fruits of that appeal which will doubtless produce funds sufficient for immediate necessities and will thus justify us in starting this great and beneficent work which will, I trust, be the crowning glory of a year filled with splendid activities by our membership.

ADDITIONAL OFFICIAL DECISIONS.

DECISION No. 73, S. G. L. JOURNAL, PAGE 247 (WASHINGTON).

WAR LEGISLATION.—The war legislation (Journal, 1917, page 247), does not authorize or justify the reinstatement of a member who had been previously dropped for non-payment of dues.

A Grand Lodge has no authority to instruct its Grand Secretary to change his records and restore such brother to membership.

FOOD CONSERVATION.

It is probable that the future will show that the most important work undertaken by our Order during the past year was our cooperation with the government at Washington in relation to the conservation of food. This subject assumed such threatening proportions last year that the Government called upon us, in common with all other fraternities, to come to its aid.

After personal consultation with Mr. Hoover, I placed the entire matter in the hands of Grand Representative E. W. Bradford, who not only worked out the details, but saw to their execution. So thoroughly was this work done that our circulars and appeals were delivered to each of our 32,000 subordinate bodies, and, I am happy to add, without expense to this Sovereign Body.

The response by our membership was hearty and effective, and was so highly appreciated by the Government that I feel it would be but proper that our records should carry to future generations the story of our activity and efficiency in this work. As this is fully shown in Brother Bradford's comprehensive report, I submit herewith that document for your consideration:

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 9, 1918.

Hon. Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., Denver, Colorado:

DEAR BROTHER GOUDY.—Pursuant to your request, I submit the following as a brief report of my work as your representative in cooperating with the United States Food Administration:

Conferences were held with Mr. Hoover and other officials of the Food Administration, from time to time, for the purpose of devising a plan to secure the fullest cooperation by our fraternal societies and the greatest service from such societies in the work of spreading the propaganda of the Food Administration, and in the conservation of those food products necessary for exportation for the support of our armies in France and our Allies. After a series of such conferences extending over a considerable period of time it was finally decided to try a plan which was largely suggested by your representative. This plan contemplated sending to each subordinate lodge and each Rebekah lodge of our Order in the United States a circular letter suggesting certain steps for each lodge to take, defining a line of work for it to do, calling attention to the necessity of action, and asking for reports.

Such a letter was prepared by me under date of April 5, 1918 (copy attached hereto), and was combined with a copy of Mr. Hoover's letter to you dated March 20, 1918, and printed. The printing was taken care of by the Food Administration.

About thirty-two thousand of these circulars were distributed through the courtesy and assistance of the Grand Secretaries and Secretaries of the Rebekah Assemblies; the plan of distribution being to send to each of the Grand Secretaries and Secretaries of Rebekah Assemblies a sufficient number of said circulars, and a like number of a circular prepared by the United States Food Administration entitled "Suggestions for Enlisting the Active Support of Fraternal Organizations" (copy of which is attached hereto), with a letter from me, dated April 15 (copy attached), requesting that one copy of each circular, together with a personal letter from the Grand Secretary, or Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly, be sent to each lodge under his or her jurisdiction.

Numerous letters coming to my office from subordinate lodges and Rebekah lodges in all parts of the country testified to how thoroughly the circulars were distributed and how heartily the lodges responded to our appeal. Many sets of resolutions enthusiastically endorsing the work were sent in, each with a statement that they had been adopted by a lodge, thus showing that the lodges generally acted in accordance with the suggestions of the circular and were ready and willing to render all possible assistance.

On August 5, I sent another letter to the Grand Secretaries and Secretaries of the Rebekah Assemblies asking if they would send to our Grand Secretary a report as complete as they could make it at that time, respecting the work of the lodges in their Jurisdiction. Not all have at this time reported, but reports have been received prior and since that date from the Grand Secretaries of thirty-three States and the Secretaries of the Rebekah Assemblies of thirty-two States as follows:

From Grand Secretaries in the States of Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

From the Secretaries of Rebekah Assemblies in the States of Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

The reports from these Grand Officers are very gratifying and all that could be expected. In some instances they report that comparatively few of their subordinate lodges had at that time sent in their reports, but that they knew of their own knowledge that the lodges were heartily cooperating along the lines suggested in the circular. In other instances they report that a very large number of lodges have sent in their reports. In one or two States as high as 90 per cent had reported. In every instance every lodge and Grand Officer's report indicated a hearty and enthusiastic cooperation in the work.

I received many letters from different parts of the country assuring me that the request to abstain from the use of wheat until after the next harvest, as requested in the fifth paragraph of the circular of April 5, 1918, was being observed, and that they were also offering to assist the local food administration in any way that he might suggest. All letters were answered and suggestions given whenever asked for or thought desirable.

It is impossible, of course to estimate the value of the labor thus put in motion through the instrumentality of our Order in this one great war work, or the extent of the influence which we have been able to exert upon the sentiment of the country by these efforts. I am satisfied, however, from the number of replies received, and from the patriotic sentiment and splendid spirit shown in these replies, that our work has been of a great help, and I know that it has been greatly appreciated by Mr. Hoover and the other officials of the Food Administration.

I feel it is not out of place in our own literature to have the fact recorded that our Order was the first of the fraternal societies to take this step, and that our plan was taken as a pattern for other societies to follow.

It is also proper to note that our Order was the first to *voluntarily* request its members to abstain from the use of wheat foods until after the harvest of 1918. This action was greatly appreciated by the Food Administration, and was especially noted in its announcements to the public press.

All of this work has been accomplished without cost to The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Much credit for the success of the work, if it has been successful, is due to the ready and helpful cooperation of the Grand Secretaries and Secretaries of the Rebekah Assemblies, many of whom prepared and had printed circular letters of their own, of an inspiring and encouraging character, for use in transmitting the Food Administration literature.

The Fraternal Press has also been very kind and very helpful by publishing freely our circular letters, and in many instances giving editorial encouragement to the work.

Thanking you for the honor and privilege of serving in this capacity, and trusting that my labors in this behalf have not been in vain and may meet with your approval, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

E. W. BRADFORD.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15, 1918.

To the Grand Secretaries and the Secretaries of the Rebekah Assemblies, I. O. O. F.:

BROTHERS AND SISTERS: You have already been advised from Sovereign Grand Lodge headquarters in Baltimore, by a letter from Grand Secretary Goodwin, that you will receive a package of circular letters and bulletins relating to Food Conservation work, which the Grand Sire desires you to distribute to the lodges under your respective jurisdictions.

These packages are now being mailed to you direct from the Food Administration. I enclose herewith one of each in order that you may be fully advised, and should the package fail to reach you within the next four or five days, kindly notify me and I will investigate, and if necessary see that another package is forwarded.

Your package will contain a sufficient number of the circular letters and bulletins to enable you to send one of each to each lodge.

Permit me to suggest that in transmitting the letter and bulletin, you accompany the same with a personal letter urging action along the lines requested.

Please ask that particular attention be given to the request contained in the paragraph headed " Sixth " in the circular letter. The importance of reports cannot be overestimated. Requirement to report will bring to the attention of each lodge, in a forceful way, the importance of the duty to take part in the work, for only then will it have anything to report. It is believed that this will inspire effort to do something that will justify a creditable report. These reports should be periodical and will be tabulated in the office of the Grand Secretary of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and become a part of the permanent records of the Order and, we hope, a part that will be a source of much pride to our membership in future years. The record will also be given to the United States Food Administration and become a part of our country's history in this great struggle for democracy and individual liberty.

Prompt and energetic action is urged and will be very much appreciated, not only by our Grand Sire, but by the United States Food Administration as well.

By authority and direction of Hon. Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire, I. O. O. F.

Fraternally yours in F. L. and T.,
E. W. BRADFORD.
Appointed by the Grand Sire to represent the I. O. O. F. on the U. S. Food Administration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5, 1918.

To the Subordinate Lodges and the Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F., of the United States:

BROTHERS AND SISTERS: I am directed by the Honorable Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire, to transmit to you a copy of the inclosed bulletin from the United States Food Administration and to ask you to note particularly the letter from Mr. Hoover, appended hereto. The Grand Sire requests that these several communications be read in open lodge at the first meeting following receipt; and, further, that you read carefully and act upon the following suggestions:

First. By appropriate resolution commit your lodge to the policy of the United States Food Administration, and make it a part of the instrumentalities now being employed for spreading information about, awakening interest in, and enlisting support for this important work in behalf of our country's cause—the cause of humanity

Second. Appoint a committee to confer with your local (State, county, or district) United States Food Administrator and offer to him any assistance that can be given by your lodge. Ask his suggestions as to how our organization can be of greatest help in this work, to the end that the fullest cooperation between our Order and the United States Food Administration, and the most complete coordination of effort, may be secured.

Third. Should the local Food Administrator ask that a member be appointed to assist him, and connect your lodge officially with his work, give him the best you have, keeping in mind but one consideration—SERVICE. In any event, have committees appointed to work among your members and their friends to accomplish the results desired.

Fourth. Make food conservation a subject of discussion at every meeting of your lodge. These discussions should be of a nature to instruct and enthuse, but not to weary. Obtain from the local Food Administrator literature and cards required for information and instruction. Study and distribute these, to the end that our service may be intelligent and of the greatest possible value.

Fifth. The crisis in the wheat situation and the great need of saving this important item is shown by the press reports of the conference by Mr. Hoover with the hotel men a few days ago, and their agreement to serve no more wheat foods until after the next harvest. No like request has been made of the fraternal organizations, as such, but I know that action by any organization similar to that taken by the hotel men will be greatly appreciated by the Food Administration. I, therefore, urge our lodges to request their members to voluntarily abstain from the use of wheat foods until after the next harvest. By so doing we will do a great service, not only by the act but through the influence of our example, and place our Order in an enviable position of leadership in this work.

Sixth. Each lodge is requested to report to the Grand Secretary (the Rebekah lodges through the Secretaries of the Assemblies) of your Jurisdiction stating its action in response to this letter. The Grand Secretary is requested to transmit a report covering the subject to the Grand Secretary of The Sovereign Grand Lodge at Baltimore. This to the end that our service in the cause of human liberty may become a part of our permanent records and in years to come fill a glorious page in our Order's history.

May we urge you, my brothers and sisters, to take hold of this work with that zeal that is born of love for humanity and patriotic devotion to our Country and its Flag. Read carefully the words of Mr. Hoover about individual responsibility and necessity for sacrifice. Let it never be said that any Odd Fellow failed in his duty, or that our Order did not maintain its proud position of leadership in every work for the welfare of mankind. Consider the thousands upon thousands of our boys, our Brothers, and the sons of our Brothers who are now serving "over there" under "OLD GLORY," many already at the front and others going as rapidly as conditions permit. These

noble men are risking life itself that our flag shall ever remain the symbol of humanity and freedom, and that tyranny and serfdom may no longer exist upon the earth. Every one of us should welcome the opportunity to give our best service that the greater consecration and service by our boys in our Country's uniform may not be in vain.

Patriotism is a leading tenet of our Order. We teach loyalty to country and honor to its Flag. This most eventful period in the world's history, every hour crowded with events of momentous importance, is our opportunity to prove our faith by our works, and to show the world that Odd Fellowship truly recognizes the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man and stands for service to our fellowmen.

Brothers, don't stop to inquire whether or not all the plans of the local Food Administrator are perfect, or to consider whether or not the United States Food Administration is right in all things. It is easy to criticise, but all criticism should now be of the helpful, constructive kind, and every mind be bent upon a single purpose and every heart be filled with a single motive—VICTORY for our arms and LIBERTY for the world.

If mistakes are made they are but incident to a task so monumental that no human agency is equal to its accompliishments without mistakes. Remember "to err is human, to forgive divine." So let us put our hearts, our brains, and our physical beings into this service, under the leadership of those upon whom the responsibility of leadership has fallen, and who are planning and working with a devotion to duty that cannot be questioned, and do our utmost individually, and collectively to insure that food shall be provided to support the strength of our boys and our Allies, who are sacrificing their lives so freely for the cause of democracy and liberty; and while we are doing this let us also help and serve in whatever other capacity opportunity presents.

Fraternally yours, in F. L. and T.,
E. W. BRADFORD,
Appointed by the Grand Sire to represent the I. O. O. F.
on the U. S. Food Administration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20, 1918.

Frank C. Goudy, Esq., Grand Sire, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Denver, Colorado:

DEAR SIR: Your circular letter No. 5, entitled "Food Conservation," was received by this office some time ago, and I desire to take this opportunity to commend the prompt response made by you to the appeal of the United States Food Administration. The program you have asked your members to adopt is an excellent one, and its accomplishment cannot fail to result in great help to the cause of democracy.

The necessity for close cooperation between the Food Administration and the American public becomes constantly more imperative. The whole great problem of winning the war rests largely on the loyalty and sacrifice of the American people as individuals. It is not a Government responsibility alone. It is therefore important that every means of communication should be open to enable us quickly and authoritatively to keep the facts concerning food before the American

people and to accomplish that flexibility of action which the changing circumstances abroad require. The lodges of the fraternal organizations scattered throughout the entire country are among the most important and available mediums of communication.

The Food Administration has been organized by States, and the Federal Food Administrator in each State is now perfecting his State organization. A bulletin containing suggestions for enlisting the active support of fraternal organizations in food production and conservation is herewith inclosed, and it is our hope that by putting these suggestions into operation among the lodges of your Order, it will be possible for us to establish a closer working relationship with your entire membership. May we express the hope that you will send copies of this bulletin, which we will be glad to furnish, to all your lodges, accompanied by a personal letter of transmittal urging the assistance so greatly needed.

In preparing the bulletin we have enjoyed the counsel and assistance of Mr. E. W. Bradford, of this city, your representative, and we feel deeply grateful for the support of your Order which Mr. Bradford assures us.

Faithfully yours,
HERBERT HOOVER.

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ENLISTING THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS IN FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION, MARCH, 1918.

To All Fraternal Organizations in the United States:

The daily developments in the food situation abroad and at home, demanding as they do a large flexibility of program, call for the presentation to producers, dealers and consumers, of constant changes in the food regulations. This fact and the imperative need for greater production and conservation efforts, emphasize the necessity for closer cooperation between the fraternal organizations and the United States Food Administration.

The work that has already been done by the fraternal organizations is deeply appreciated, and the great effectiveness of this means of reaching the people is the justification for a further communication.

Where this bulletin is received by organizations that have already adopted the suggestions herein contained, and are closely cooperating with the Food Administrators, no change in present methods is requested. Where this cooperation has not been fully developed, however, it is hoped that this communication will lead to such development and that its recommendations will be carried out.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATION.

Every State, Territory and Dependency of the United States now has a Federal Food Administrator appointed by the President. A majority of the States are being organized upon a geographical basis, with an Administrator for every county or other local subdivision.*

* Where this form of organization is not adopted, there usually exists a local branch of the State Council of Defense, having a committee on food, or a local food committee appointed by and acting under the State Administrator. In case of doubt as to the proper agency with which to cooperate, reference should be made to the Federal Food Administrator for the State.

The duties of these representatives of the Food Administration are, broadly speaking, to stimulate food production and to regulate and conserve food supplies. In the matter of production and conservation the maximum amount of intelligent publicity and cooperation is necessary. It is obvious that this may be greatly aided by the fraternal organizations throughout the country. Attention is particularly called to these Federal Food organizations in each State, and it is hoped that all fraternal organizations will coordinate their activities therewith.

GENERAL PLAN.

All Federal Food Administrators (State and local) have been requested to enlist the support of all fraternal organizations located within their respective Jurisdictions. The Administrator has been requested to cooperate with the State leader of each Order in organizing the fraternal organizations within the State. Each fraternal organization, which has not already done so, is urged to designate a food committee of one or more, to keep in close touch with the Food Administrator on the constantly developing aspects of the food situation. The committee in each fraternal organization will act as a bureau of information for the members of its organization and as a stimulus to increased activities along the conservation lines hereinafter suggested, or along any other lines that local conditions may justify.

ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED.

(1) Eliminating unnecessary collations from all social functions.

(2) At banquets or occasions where the serving of food is necessary, presenting conservation menus, having few courses, using local foods, and substituting other foods for those which we wish to save for export.

(3) Giving a few minutes on the program at regular meetings to the subject of food, thus keeping the membership advised of the constantly developing aspects of the food situation.

(4) Encouraging the consumption of local products to relieve the transportation problem. The development of home gardens and the local consumption propaganda during 1917 saved the country from great suffering.

(5) Checking the membership to ascertain if the families of members are enrolled with the Food Administration.

(6) Exhorting the men to cooperate and assist the women of their families (the signers of the food-pledge) in their conservation efforts.

(7) Passing formal resolutions by the membership (where this has not already been done) to support the officials of the organization in their endeavors to assist the United States Food Administration.

(8) Urging patronage of retail dealers and public eating places, which observe the Food Administration regulations.

(9) Encouraging the reporting of violations of the food regulations, to the Administrator.

(10) Urging those members who are farmers to greater production efforts.

We confidently rely upon the fraternal organizations of the United States to assist in this vital emergency work.

U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

March, 1918.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 5, 1918.

To the Grand Secretaries and the Secretaries of the Rebekah Assemblies, I. O. O. F.:

BROTHERS AND SISTERS: Under date of April 15, I addressed you a letter and a bundle of circulars were sent to you under the frank of the Food Administration for distribution in your lodges, asking for cooperation in the food conservation work.

You are particularly asked to report to Hon. John B. Goodwin, Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F., 25 N. Liberty Street, Baltimore, Maryland, as to the action of the lodges in your Jurisdiction in response to this appeal.

Grand Secretary Goodwin advises me that he has received a number of reports from Grand Secretaries and from a number of secretaries of lodges, but that the majority as yet have not reported.

If you should chance to be among the number who have not reported, may I ask that you do so promptly, in order that a report as complete as possible may be made to The Sovereign Grand Lodge at its meeting in St. Louis, on September 15.

By direction of Hon. Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire, I. O. O. F.

Fraternally yours in F. L. and T.,

E. W. BRADFORD.

Appointed by the Grand Sire to represent the I. O. O. F. on the U. S. Food Administration.

THE LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE.

Another matter which will unquestionably loom large in coming history is the work of The League to Enforce Peace. Last year we considered its work and expressed our sympathy with it and our desire to participate.

Last May it held a great convention of more than 5000 delegates from all parts of the country. Ex-President Taft asked our Order to participate. I was not able to attend personally, but at my request Brothers Bradford, Goodwin, Mohr and Parker represented our Order. As another proof of the high position the work of our Order has taken in all such activities and as showing how highly it is esteemed, I might mention that Ex-President Taft, president of the League, appointed the chairman of our delegation, Brother Bradford, a member of the Committee on Platform.

I submit herewith the full report of our committee which is of great historical value:

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1, 1918.

Hon. Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., Denver, Colorado:

DEAR BROTHER GOUDY: The undersigned appointed by you to attend the "Win the War for Permanent Peace" convention held in Philadelphia, May 16 and 17, 1918, under the auspices of the League to Enforce Peace beg to report:

Each member of the committee was in attendance and desires to extend to you his appreciation of the honor conferred by being designated by you to represent our Order at this convention.

It was a notable convention in many respects, particularly for the enthusiastic patriotism and War Spirit which seemed to permeate the atmosphere of all the meetings and to constitute the dominant charac-

teristic of the convention. The thought expressed by the title selected to designate the convention seemed reflected in the determined purpose of every person in attendance. The interest in the work of the League, attested by the large attendance, is also worthy of special mention. Nearly 5000 persons attended, coming from all sections of the country, whereas not more than one-third of this number was originally expected or planned for. At the "Allied War Dinner" held on Friday evening, May 17, nearly 2500 persons were in attendance, four times the number originally expected or planned for. This unexpected attendance necessitated changes both in plans for the convention meetings and for the dinner, the meetings being held in the Academy of Music, one of the largest auditoriums in Philadelphia, and the dinner being divided between the Bellevue-Stratford and the Walton hotels, no single hotel being large enough to accommodate the number asking for tickets. With the facilities of both hotels taxed to the limit, the committee was obliged to discontinue the sale of tickets and more than 300 persons applying for tickets could not be accommodated.

The convention was called to order in the Academy of Music by President William Howard Taft, at 10 o'clock, Thursday morning, May 16. The first sentence of his opening address struck the keynote of the convention—"This convention speaks an irrevocable opinion that the war must go on until our foe is defeated."

After Mr. Taft's opening address, he introduced Mrs. Thomas Preston, Jr. (formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland), as the chairman of the meeting.

Mrs. Preston's address was a gem of patriotic appeal for militant prosecution of the war until all our objects are obtained and the liberty of America and the world achieved.

It would make this report too long to summarize the proceedings of several meetings of the convention except in the briefest possible way. Suffice it to say that every address, while true to the text and breathing the same spirit as announced by President Taft in his opening address, yet treated the subject from different viewpoints, embellished by different illustrations and thoughts, so that each speaker's contribution was of individual help and inspiration to the occasion.

Hon. George Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia, followed Mrs. Preston. It is hardly fair to Mr. Pepper or to the convention not to make special mention of the eloquent appeal to national pride and spirit, which characterized his address, the main thought of which was to "Get more trained fighting men to France, as quickly as possible, and to keep everlastingly at it until Germany's man power wanes, until her militant resources fail and until the thing called Prussianism ceases to exist."

Hon. Howard A. Filine, of Boston, spoke on the subject, "War and Insight,"—"See beneath the materialism and tragedy of this war its spiritual and social meaning."

Hon. Hugh Frayne, of New York, spoke on "Labor's Part in the War."

President Lowell, of Harvard University, spoke on, "Safeguarding the Future."

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of New York, declared in an unusually eloquent address, "First defeat Prussia, and then destroy Prussian-

ism—two different things. A regenerate Prussia shall live, but the degenerate Prussianism must perish from the earth."

President Taft read two letters, one from Cardinal Gibbons, and the other from Viscount James Bryce, both of whom expressed regrets at being unable to attend the convention and their hearty concurrence in its purpose.

The afternoon session:

Professor Richard Heath Dabney, of the University of Virginia, spoke on "Germany's Dream of Dominion."

Professor Robert McNutt McElroy, of Princeton University, spoke on "Kultur's Mission to Conquer the World."

Hon. Charles B. Elliot, of Minneapolis, on "German Exploitation of Backward Peoples."

Dr. Anna Shaw, on, "Some of the Ethical Issues of the War."

Hon. John Spargo, the Socialist leader, on, "A Perverted Idealism."

Mr. W. Morgan Shuster, of New York, president of the Century company, on the "Cost of the War."

At the Thursday evening meeting:

Professor Franklin H. Giddings, of Columbia University, spoke on "What Democracy Would Face if it Lost the Fight."

Mr. John A. Voll, of Philadelphia, president of the International Glass Blowers' Association, presented the War Platform, which was prepared by Samuel Gompers and Committees representing the American Federation of Labor and the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy.

Dr. Leo S. Rowe, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and professor of the Political Science in the University of Pennsylvania, spoke on "The Environment of Democracy."

The venerable Dr. Lyman Abbott received one of the great ovations of the convention and at the close of an eloquent and inspiring address declared that "This war brought the world face to face with the alternative of rule by democracy or autocracy."

Hon. Oscar Straus, former U. S. Ambassador to Turkey, spoke on "Conflict of National Ideals."

At the session Friday morning President Taft spoke again, taking as his subject "America Seeing it Through." He repeated his appeal for an army of five million men and for another army of five million to stand ready if the first five million were not enough. The general topic of this session was "A Program of Constructive Patriotism."

S. K. Ratcliff, correspondent of the London Daily News, spoke on "Mobilizing the Mind of Europe."

Rev. Charles S. Medbury, of Des Moines, on "Mobilizing the Mind of America."

Mr. Charles S. Ward spoke on, "A Program of Action for the League." The conclusion of his address was followed by an appeal for subscriptions for the support of the League and its work which was generously responded to.

The Friday afternoon session was devoted largely to a discussion of "World Reorganization and a League of Nations After the War."

Mr. Talcott Williams, of New York, director of the Pulitzer School of Journalism, declared that the "U. S. entered the war to win a League of Peace for the World."

Mr. Herbert Houston spoke in advocacy of now establishing a league of nations as a war measure to help win the war.

Hon. William English Walling, of Greenwich, Conn., spoke on "A New Order of International Cooperation."

Bishop Thomas J. Shanan, of Washington, rector of the Catholic University of America, spoke on "Shaping the World's Ideals."

Hon. John Sharp Williams, U. S. Senator from Mississippi, spoke on "The Only Peace Worth Having."

At the "Allied War Dinner," the speakers were: President Taft; Ambassador Jusserand, of France; Sir George Adam Smith, Principal of Aberdeen University, Scotland; Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the U. S. Navy; Hon. Alton B. Parker; Hon. Horace I. Gagne. President of the Win-the-war and Canadian Unity League; Winifield R. Gaylord, vice-president of the American Alliance for Democracy; Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the Columbia University, and Hon. S. Harrison White, Justice of the Supreme Court of Colorado.

Mr. Taft presided during the first part of the dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford, and Judge Parker at the Walton. When the speakers' program was half finished the two toastmasters exchanged places, taking with them the speakers who had already spoken for a repetition of their addresses at the other hotel.

Lord Reading, the British Ambassador, was on the program to speak at the dinner, but at the last moment found he could not attend, but sent a telegram of greetings which was read at both hotels.

The names and reputations of the speakers above given furnish a true index of the unusually high character of the meetings and will suggest better than words of ours their inspiring and educational value.

We feel that the purposes of the League to Enforce Peace have possibly been somewhat misinterpreted and that the misunderstanding may have resulted from a too general misinterpretation of the significance of the name of the organization. Surely no more pronounced militant spirit was ever in evidence in any convention than that with which the atmosphere of this convention was completely charged. The purpose of the League is to secure international conditions which will make for the permanent peace of the world and to secure those conditions by the prosecution of the war until every obstacle and every menace to permanent peace is crushed and destroyed.

Your committee attended each of the meetings and the dinner and participated, so far as opportunity afforded, in all its proceedings. Your committee was recognized by Grand Representative Bradford being appointed by President Taft to serve on the Committee on Platform, of which President Lowell, of Harvard University, was chairman, and he attended all of the meetings of the Platform Committee and participated in its deliberations.

We feel that our Order can well afford to recognize the League to Enforce Peace and to participate in its deliberations and cooperate therewith, at least to the extent of being officially represented at its conventions, as at the one just closed.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

E. W. BRADFORD,
JOHN B. GOODWIN,
WILSON K. MOHR,
A. B. PARKER.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE CONDITIONS OF FRATERNAL SOCIETIES AND THEIR MEMBERS OVERSEAS.

While in Washington some months ago, I had a conference with the Honorable George Fleming Moore, Grand Commander of the A. A. S. R. Masons, Southern Jurisdiction, who has represented the Masonic Fraternity in Washington in many of the Government war activities. I learned that it was the view of Judge Moore that the fraternal organizations should have an opportunity to investigate and report as to whether or not our members in the service in Europe need our assistance or any service we are able to render them. We agreed that it would be wise for the two great fraternities we represented to cooperate in an effort to secure authority from the Secretary of War to visit Europe on a mission having for its purpose the investigation of these questions and other questions affecting the general welfare of our members and our Orders in Europe and report the result of such investigations at the earliest practical time. This work I left in the hands of Grand Representative Bradford with instructions to cooperate in my name with Judge Moore in an endeavor to secure the authority desired, and if possible, a representative on the Commission on Training Camp Activities.

After many delays and discouraging obstacles, I understand that the authority desired has been obtained and that a Commission, consisting of Judge Moore, Hon. Sam P. Cochran, of Texas, and Rev. Dr. Hugh T. Stevenson, of Washington, D. C., have been authorized to sail on this mission. It was expected that they would sail about the first of this month, and under date of August 29, 1918, I issued to Dr. Stevenson, who is a member in good standing, of Beacon Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., of Washington, D. C., a commission to represent our Order, with direction to report the result of his labors and investigations to our Grand Secretary in Baltimore, on his return. I availed myself of the opportunity of using Dr. Stevenson's services because he was to be a member of the Commission and is a member of our Order and his expenses, although I felt should be born by our Order, I knew were provided for otherwise, and I had no fund at my disposal for the purpose. I met Dr. Stevenson in Washington, and am confident he will prove a very capable and faithful representative of our Order on this Commission, and that his report will be one on which we can rely for guidance in our future endeavors for the relief of our members at the front. I append hereto a copy of the authority given to Dr. Stevenson, as follows:

August 29, 1918.

To Whom It May Concern:

Whereas, our brother, the Rev. Dr. Hugh T. Stevenson, a member in good standing of Beacon Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., of Washington, District of Columbia, U. S. A., is about to visit Europe as member of a Commission, consisting of another of our brothers, the Hon. George Fleming Moore, Grand Commander, A. A. S. R., Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., also the Hon. Samuel P. Cochran, Inspector General, A. A. S. R., Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., and himself, for the purpose of investigating the condition of the members of the Masonic Order and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the Military Service, and otherwise, with the view of reporting their views as to our duty and opportunity for work and service, to the end that the welfare of our

brothers may be cared for and the interests of these fraternities in European countries may be protected and upheld; and

Whereas, Bro. Stevenson has, at my request, undertaken to especially represent the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on this Commission;

Now, Therefore, I, Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby appoint, commission and empower the said Hugh T. Stevenson, to act in behalf of our Order, to investigate conditions and the needs of our brothers and our Order in the countries of Europe he may visit; and I hereby earnestly commend Bro. Stevenson to the friendship, love and protection of our brothers everywhere and to that consideration of the lodges of our Order in the European countries, where he may visit, that may be due and in keeping with his position as the bearer of this Commission.

On his return, Bro. Stevenson will report direct to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, addressing said report to Hon. John B. Goodwin, Grand Secretary, 25 North Liberty Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Done at the City of Denver, State of Colorado, U. S. A., this 29th day of August, 1918.

FRANK C. GOUDY,
Grand Sire.

I received the following acknowledgment from Brother Stevenson:

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 9, 1918.

Hon. Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., Denver, Colorado:

MY DEAR BROTHER GOUDY: I have received through the hands of our mutual friend and brother, General E. W. Bradford, your commission under date of August 29, authorizing me to represent the I. O. O. F. in connection with the fraternal mission headed by The Sovereign Grand Commander of The Scottish Rite, George Fleming Moore.

When Judge Moore honored me with the request to accompany him on a fraternal mission to Europe, I did not then anticipate that I should receive the added responsibility of representing over two and a quarter million Odd Fellows of this country, which duty you have imposed upon me.

I expect that the mission will depart for overseas in a short time and upon my return I shall make the report of my observations and investigation as requested by you to "Hon. John B. Goodwin, Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F., Baltimore, Md."

Thanking you for your confidence in intrusting to me this commission, and with the assurance that I will try to fulfill the requirements of the same so as to serve not only the I. O. O. F., but also our country and the Allies that are battling for civil and religious liberty, I am,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,
HUGH T. STEVENSON.

FURTHER OFFICIAL VISITS.

I overlooked reporting my visit to the State of California during the months of April and May last.

In the month of April, Past Grand Sire Conway and myself had the very great pleasure of meeting with many of the members of the subordinate lodges at Riverside and in that vicinity.

We had a very delightful and enthusiastic fraternal and patriotic meeting on May 7. I met with many of the members of San Diego and Sunset Lodges at a banquet given in San Diego, which banquet was presided over by Past Grand Representative A. P. Johnson, Jr.

At this banquet, I had the pleasure of meeting Past Grand Representative Lo. C. Dana, formerly of Colorado, and many other Odd Fellows who formerly lived in the State of Colorado.

On May 15, I paid an official visit to the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of California, then in session at San Francisco. I never witnessed a more enthusiastic fraternal and patriotic meeting than was afforded by the members attending the session of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of the Golden State.

Late in June, I visited Beacon Lodge, at Washington, D. C., and had the privilege of meeting many of the active Odd Fellows of that Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,
FRANK C. GOUDY, Grand Sire.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on the Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Officers and Representatives: Herewith is presented to you in the ninety-fourth annual session of your Body, the annual report of this office. During the past year the work of the office has been carried on with many changed and trying conditions, but with results surprisingly gratifying in many respects, especially in activity and membership growth. The additional duties and difficulties devolving upon the Order by the world war have been well met and the call for the war record cards has been great and the numerous ones received back at this office show the vast extent of their use. With thousands of members absent from their lodges serving their country with patriotism and heroism in the army and navy in the gigantic struggle for human liberty and freedom, those at home have been true and active in the work of the Order and in looking after those who are absent in the great cause in which they are engaged. Notwithstanding the added responsibilities and surrounding difficulties, not only has the work and interest been well kept up and carried on, but substantial growth as shown by net increase in membership during 1917 has been made by all branches of the Order. In the subordinate lodge branch the net increase for the year is 15,779; in the Encampment branch, 4287; in sisters of the Rebekah branch, 11,051. The total net increase in the subordinate branch for the past year and in sisters of the Rebekah branch, is 26,830, making the grand total of subordinate membership on December 31, 1917, 1,694,090, and of sisters of the Rebekah branch 536,141, and the grand total of membership on December 31, 1917, 2,230,231.

The work and condition of the Patriarchs Militant will appear in the report as Adjutant-General, as furnished by the Military Secretary.

Relief and Receipts of Subordinates in 1917.

The total expenditure for relief in 1917 by subordinates was $6,509,889.65, as compared with $6,408,855.64, and the total receipts of subordinate bodies $20,111,149.52, compared with $19,026,384.45.

Business of the Grand Secretary's Office.

While the result of the past year's work in membership was all that could be expected under existing conditions, the sale of supplies to

Grand Bodies decreased materially, and there was, of course, a corresponding decrease in receipts from the sale of supplies. In 1917, to July 31, the receipts from this source and from Representative tax and interest on railroad and city bonds were $114,582.76, while for the fiscal year which closed on July 31, 1918, the receipts were only $100,781.08, being a decrease of $13,801.68, and the sale of supplies, etc., above enumerated amounted for the year ending July 31, 1918, to $78,930.30, being $12,606.77 less than for the preceding year, and this may be due chiefly to the prevailing tendency and influence to economize and reduce expenses.

INCREASED COST OF MATERIAL AND LABOR.

As in most other branches of trade and industry, the cost of material and labor has advanced and added necessarily to the cost of getting out supplies, and this reduces the margins of profit to The Sovereign Grand Lodge which is the chief source of meeting and paying all the various expenses incurred, and as this higher cost may be maintained or still further advanced, this important matter will require the business attention of the Body.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Credentials received and on file show that 206 Grand Representatives are entitled to membership at this session, being the same number as for last year. While it is not expected that the Grand Lodge of Australasia will be represented this year, owing to causes similar to those which prevented representation last year, the communications received from the Grand Officers of that splendid and loyal Grand Jurisdiction abound in the most cordial and fraternal relations to our officers and members.

FRATERNAL PRESS.

The fraternal press continues to occupy a high position and the many worthy publications render good service and reflect high honor upon the Order and should be better sustained and patronized by the membership generally than is now being done, especially when it is considered that reading members keep up and in touch with the many live interests of the fraternity throughout the various Jurisdictions and are therefore better posted and more useful.

RECORD OF MEMBERS IN MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE.

In conformity with action of The Sovereign Grand Lodge taken at the 1917 session (page 227), record cards were issued, and approximately 120,000 sent out to the various Jurisdictions and to lodges, and there have been returned to the office cards with the information called for from about one-third of the Grand Jurisdictions. The demand for the cards is constant, and they will be in demand as long as the war con-

tinues, and it is impossible now or during the progress of the war to make anything like a complete report on this subject. The cards and information received, however, show a lively interest and participation by the members of our Order in the great contest for human freedom and liberty. The form of the card issued calling for this information was agreed upon by the Grand Sire and this office.

SPECIAL DUTIES OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

FINANCIAL.

In the table of "Appropriations and Expenditures," published on another page in this report, will be found a statement of the expenditures authorized by the report of the Committee on Finance, Journal, 1917, page 239.

In compliance with Report 95, Journal, 1899, page 342, the funds of The Sovereign Grand Lodge have been deposited during the past year to the credit of the Grand Treasurer in the Fidelity Trust Co., of Maryland, on which deposits the sum of $6,699.88 has been received as interest to July 1, 1918.

In compliance with Report 48, page 221, adopted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, Journal, 1915, the bonds of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary, were executed and transmitted to the Grand Sire, and his letters acknowledging their receipt by him are on file in the Grand Secretary's office. The offices were bonded and not the individuals holding the offices.

OFFICERS' REPORTS, DAILY JOURNALS, ETC.

All resolutions relating to the printing and distribution of Officers' Reports, Daily Journals, and JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS have been complied with, as an examination of said reports and Journal will show.

WHEREAS, Appreciating very fully the splendid sermon preached on Sunday morning, September 16, by E. L. Powell, D. D., to this Grand Lodge at the First Christian Church of this city; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Dr. Powell be requested to furnish a copy of the sermon to the Grand Secretary for publication in our Proceedings.

A request was sent to Dr. Powell for a copy of this sermon, but it could not be furnished.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to insert, annually, in the Appendix to the JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, the following information, to wit:

Date, place of meeting and mileage and per diem.

The above was complied with and the information will be found in Appendix to the Journal of 1917, pages XXVI and XXVII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WHEREAS, The Grand Encampment of Alberta is in need of a complete set of Bound Journals of The Sovereign Grand Lodge; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the request be referred to the proper committee for consideration and approval.

The above were shipped to the Grand Scribe.

In compliance with Bill 17, page 167, a non-beneficial visiting card has been prepared and is now on sale by this office.

The report of the Committee on the Rebekah Degree in regard to establishing the Rebekah branch in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, was sent to both Jurisdictions and later engrossed copies of the report were forwarded.

FRADULENT CLAIMS FOR ASSISTANCE.

In accordance with the action of the last session conferring the authority and direction, I have, in the very few cases deemed practicable, communicated in my letter to the fraternal press information in regard to fradulent claimants.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES FOR 1917-1918.

Alaska—W. H. McBlaine, P. G.....Treadwell, Alaska.
Cuba—Harris Towle, P. G.....La Gloria, Cuba.
A. A. Valdez, Special Deputy Grand Sire .....29 Concepcion St., Jesus del Monte, Havana.
Hawaii—Melville T. Simonton, P. G., P. C. P. Honolulu, Hawaii.
Japan—W. J. Ham, P. G.....108 Creekside, Yamachito Cho, Yokohama, Japan, Asia.
Keewatin and Northwest Territory—J. A. M. Patrick, P. G. M.....Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Can.
Mexico—H. F. Schlattman, P. G.....Av. Isabel la Catolica 25, City of Mexico, Mexico.
Panama—Charles Cotton, P. G.....Gatun, Canal Zone.
Philippine Islands—A. M. Saleeby, P. G.....Manila, Philippine Islands.
Yukon Territory—Charles L. Dearing, P. G. Dawson, Yukon.

CHARTERS ISSUED WITHIN THE YEAR.

For Subordinate Lodge.

Philippine Islands.—*Luzon Lodge*, No. 2, at Manila. Instituted October 8, 1917.

For Rebekah Lodge.

Alaska.—*Seward Rebekah Lodge*, No. 6, at Seward. Charter issued July 31, 1918. Return of institution not yet received.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED.

For Past Grand and Grand Lodge Degrees.

Cuba.—B. Powers, Max G. F. Neuber, Lodge, No. 8.
Hawaii.—H. B. Myhre, J. A. Williams, Lodge, No. 3.
Panama.—Joseph N. Parrott, Lodge, No. 1; Geo. C. Lucas, Leander Larson, Lodge, No. 5.
Philippine Islands.—David Fletcher, Manuel Aced, Lodge, No. 1.

For Grand Encampment Degree.

Philippine Islands.—David Fletcher, Isidore Reich, Encampment, No. 1.

For Rebekah Assembly Degree.

CUBA.—Louisa Liversidge, Rebekah Lodge, No. 1.

HAWAII.—Isabelle J. Wilson, Clyde Arndt, Rebekah Lodge, No. 1; Hattie M. Blackburn, Rebekah Lodge, No. 2.

YUKON.—Beda Marie McCartney, Margaret Annie MacRae, Rebekah Lodge, No. 1.

LIBRARY.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS IN LIBRARY.

Journals of Proceedings of Grand Bodies.

ALABAMA.
Grand Lodge, 1841-1900, 1902-1904, 1906-1910, 1912-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1867-1909, 1911, 1913-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1901-1906, 1909-1911, 1913-1917.

ALBERTA.
Grand Lodge, 1906, 1909-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1912-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1915-1918.

ARIZONA.
Grand Lodge, 1884-1887, 1898, 1902-1910, 1912-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1902-1910, 1912-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1902-1910, 1912-1917.

ARKANSAS.
Grand Lodge, 1849-1903, 1905-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1892-1898.
Rebekah Assembly, 1897-1916.

AUSTRALASIA.
Grand Lodge, 1884-1908, 1911, 1914.

NEW SOUTH WALES.
Grand Lodge, 1880-1901, 1903, 1904, 1907, 1909, 1914, 1917.
Grand Encampment, 1909-1915.
Rebekah Assembly, 1912, 1915.

NEW ZEALAND.
Grand Lodge, 1875-1907, 1911.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
Grand Lodge, 1870-1914, 1916-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1887-1899, 1913, 1914, 1916, 1917, 1918.

TASMANIA.
Grand Lodge, 1884-1903, 1905-1912, 1914, 1915.

VICTORIA.
Grand Lodge, 1880-1906, 1908-1915, 1917, 1918.

WEST AUSTRALIA.
Grand Lodge, 1903-1909, 1911, 1912, 1915, 1917.

QUEENSLAND.
Grand Lodge, 1902, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, 1918.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.
Grand Lodge, 1874-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1891-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1908, 1912-1916.
Department Council, 1912.

CALIFORNIA.
Grand Lodge, 1853-1897, 1899-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1855-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1891-1918.
Department Council, 1904, 1905, 1907.

CHILE.
Grand Lodge, 1875-1887.

COLORADO.
Grand Lodge, 1867-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1873-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1891-1917.
Department Council.

CONNECTICUT.
Grand Lodge, 1840-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1843-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1891-1914.
Department Council.

DELAWARE.
Grand Lodge, 1833-1915.
Grand Encampment, 1865-1917.

DENMARK.
Grand Lodge, 1884-1894, 1901, 1903, 1905, 1910, 1913, 1914.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.
Grand Lodge, 1847-1904, 1907-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1846-1894, 1916.
Rebekah Assembly, 1915, 1916, 1917.

FLORIDA.
Grand Lodge, 1851-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1886-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1909-1917.

GEORGIA.
Grand Lodge, 1843-1912, 1914, 1917.
Grand Encampment, 1887-1910, 1914.
Rebekah Assembly, 1902-1918.

GERMAN EMPIRE.
Grand Lodge, 1872-1913.

BRANDENBURG.
Grand Lodge, 1873-1913.

HANNOVER.
Grand Lodge, 1873-1903, 1907, 1911.

SAXONY.
Grand Lodge, 1873-1913.

SILESIA-POSEN.
Grand Lodge, 1895-1907, 1913.
WÜRTTEMBERG.
Grand Lodge, 1873-1897, 1901-1913.

IDAHO.
Grand Lodge, 1883-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1888-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1894-1917.
Department Council, 1917.

ILLINOIS.
Grand Lodge, 1838-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1850-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1890-1898, 1900-1917.
Department Council, 1904-1906, 1908-1911.

INDIANA.
Grand Lodge, 1837-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1848-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1891-1906, 1908-1917.
Department Council, 1893-1895, 1898-1901, 1903-1910, 1912-1917.

INDIAN TERRITORY.
Grand Lodge, 1893-1911.
Grand Encampment, 1902, 1907, 1910.
Rebekah Assembly, 1900-1905, 1907-1911.

IOWA.
Grand Lodge, 1848-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1852-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1891-1917.
Department Council, 1902, 1903, 1906-1910, 1913-1915.

KANSAS.
Grand Lodge, 1858-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1866-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1892-1894, 1896-1912, 1914-1917.
Department Council, 1909-1913, 1915, 1917.

KENTUCKY.
Grand Lodge, 1836-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1856-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1896, 1901-1917.

LOUISIANA.
Grand Lodge, 1846-1912, 1914, 1916.
Grand Encampment, 1904-1916.
Rebekah Assembly, 1903-1915, 1917.

MAINE.
Grand Lodge, 1844-1851, 1854-1915.
Grand Encampment, 1845-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1896-1917.
Department Council, 1910, 1911, 1914, 1915.

MANITOBA.
Grand Lodge, 1883-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1891-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1911-1913, 1915-1917.

MARITIME PROVINCES.
Grand Lodge, 1869-1901, 1903-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1902-1907, 1909-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1904-1917.

MARYLAND.
Grand Lodge, 1821-1915.
Grand Encampment, 1831-1915.
Rebekah Assembly, 1910-1913, 1916.
Department Council.

MASSACHUSETTS.
Grand Lodge, 1823-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1844-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1894-1897, 1899-1912, 1915-1917.
Department Council, 1902-1906, 1908, 1915.

MICHIGAN.
Grand Lodge, 1844-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1847-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1895-1917.
Department Council, 1894-1915.

MINNESOTA.
Grand Lodge, 1853-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1871-1908, 1910-1915.
Rebekah Assembly, 1889-1917.
Department Council, 1907, 1914-1916.

MISSISSIPPI.
Grand Lodge, 1852-1901, 1903-1905, 1908, 1910, 1912-1915.
Grand Encampment, 1848-1899, 1901-1906, 1909-1913, 1915.
Rebekah Assembly, 1906-1912, 1915, 1916.

MISSOURI.
Grand Lodge, 1838-1916.
Grand Encampment, 1848-1910, 1912-1913, 1915, 1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1899-1918.
Department Council, 1894-1899, 1904, 1912-1914.

MONTANA.
Grand Lodge, 1874-1901, 1903-1906, 1908, 1910-1913, 1915-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1883-1906, 1908, 1910-1913, 1915-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1901-1907, 1909-1914, 1916, 1917.
Department Council, 1909-1917.

NEBRASKA.
Grand Lodge, 1858-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1872-1916.
Rebekah Assembly, 1892, 1894, 1896, 1897, 1899-1912, 1914-1916.
Department Council, 1902, 1903, 1905-1911.

NEVADA.
Grand Lodge, 1867-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1875-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1899-1917.

NETHERLANDS.
Grand Lodge, 1904-1906, 1910, 1911, 1913-1916, 1917.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.
Grand Lodge, 1844-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1845-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1898, 1901-1917.
Department Council, 1895-1915.

NEW JERSEY.
Grand Lodge, 1833-1904, 1906-1916.
Grand Encampment, 1843-1887, 1890-1908, 1910-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1890-1917.
Department Council.

NEW MEXICO.
Grand Lodge, 1887-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1907-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1907-1917.

NEW YORK.
Grand Lodge, 1823-1828, 1837-1916.
Grand Encampment, 1839-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1890-1918.
Department Council, 1903-1917.

NORTH CAROLINA.
Grand Lodge, 1843-1860, 1865-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1847-1873, 1893-1904, 1907-1909, 1911-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1910-1918.

NORTH DAKOTA.
Grand Lodge, 1895-1900, 1902-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1891-1897, 1901, 1904, 1909-1911, 1913, 1915, 1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1893, 1895, 1896, 1899, 1900, 1902-1917.
Department Council.

OHIO.
Grand Lodge, 1838-1890, 1892-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1839-1895, 1897-1913.
Rebekah Assembly, 1887-1903, 1905, 1906-1915, 1917.
Department Council, 1895-1902, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1908, 1910-1915.

OKLAHOMA.
Grand Lodge, 1893-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1897-1901, 1903-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1901-1917.
Department Council, 1904-1911.

ONTARIO.
Grand Lodge, 1856-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1869-1899, 1901-1903, 1906, 1908-1915.
Rebekah Assembly, 1892-1894, 1897, 1899, 1902-1904, 1909-1917.
Department Council, 1906-1917.

OREGON.
Grand Lodge, 1856-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1875-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1891-1918.
Department Council, 1909-1914, 1917.

PENNSYLVANIA.
Grand Lodge, 1823-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1829-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1890-1912, 1914-1917.
Department Council, 1895-1917.

QUEBEC.
Grand Lodge, 1878-1907, 1909, 1910, 1912-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1910-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1907-1912, 1915-1917.

RHODE ISLAND.
Grand Lodge, 1844-1915, 1917-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1849-1891, 1897-1910, 1912-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1900-1918.

SASKATCHEWAN.
Grand Lodge, 1907-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1915-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1914, 1915, 1917.

SOUTH CAROLINA.
Grand Lodge, 1841-1883, 1887-1903, 1907-1910, 1913-1914, 1916.
Grand Encampment, 1905-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1905, 1912.

SOUTH DAKOTA.
Grand Lodge, 1875-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1881-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1894, 1897, 1900, 1902-1904, 1906-1918.
Department Council, 1915, 1916.

SWEDEN.
Grand Lodge, 1895-1909, 1913, 1917.

SWITZERLAND.
Grand Lodge, 1874-1914.

TENNESSEE.
Grand Lodge, 1841-1903, 1905, 1906, 1908-1911, 1914-1916.
Grand Encampment, 1847-1880, 1882-1900, 1902, 1904, 1905-1907, 1909, 1914-1916.
Rebekah Assembly, 1895-1897, 1901-1911, 1916.

TEXAS.
Grand Lodge, 1841-1904, 1906-1912, 1915-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1853-1860, 1867-1901, 1903-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1897, 1898, 1900, 1902-1911, 1913-1918.
Department Council, 1895-1907, 1914, 1915.

UTAH.
Grand Lodge, 1874-1899, 1902-1906, 1910-1913, 1915, 1916, 1918.
Grand Encampment, 1888-1898, 1901, 1902, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1909-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1902-1917.

VERMONT.
Grand Lodge, 1847-1916.
Grand Encampment, 1871-1913, 1915-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1895, 1897-1918.
Department Council, 1905-1917.

VIRGINIA.
Grand Lodge, 1837-1902, 1904-1907, 1909-1911, 1914, 1915, 1917.
Grand Encampment, 1842-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1901-1914, 1916, 1917.
Department Council, 1912.

WASHINGTON.
Grand Lodge, 1878-1914, 1916-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1884-1914, 1916, 1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1891-1914, 1916-1918.
Department Council, 1907-1917.

WEST VIRGINIA.
Grand Lodge, 1863-1903, 1905-1908, 1910-1914, 1916.
Grand Encampment, 1865-1918.
Rebekah Assembly, 1892-1917.
Department Council, 1917.

WISCONSIN.
Grand Lodge, 1847-1918.
Grand Encampment, 1851-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1885-1918.
Department Council, 1914-1917.

WYOMING.
Grand Lodge, 1874-1917.
Grand Encampment, 1881-1917.
Rebekah Assembly, 1913-1917.

Miscellaneous Books Received During Year.

History of Odd Fellows' Home of Ohio.
Proceedings of Association of Rebekah Assemblies, 1916.
Proceedings of Grand Commandery, K. T. of North Dakota, 1917.
Proceedings of Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of North Dakota, 1917.
Proceedings of Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of North Dakota, 1917.
Proceedings of Odd Fellows' Home Association of New York, 1917.
I. O. O. F. Book of Buildings of Indiana.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Newspapers.

The following newspapers are received regularly at this office:

ALABAMA.—*The Southern Odd Fellow*, Cullman; monthly.

ALBERTA.—*The Alberta Odd Fellow*, Edmonton; monthly.

AUSTRALASIA.—*The Australian Triple Links*, Sydney, New South Wales; monthly. *The Odd Fellow*, Melbourne; monthly.

CALIFORNIA.—*California Odd Fellow and New Age*, Sacramento; monthly. *The Triple Link*, Los Angeles; weekly.

COLORADO.—*Colorado Odd Fellow*, Denver; monthly.

DENMARK, EUROPE.—*Hand and Heart*, Copenhagen; weekly.

FLORIDA.—*The Fraternal Record*, Jacksonville; monthly.

GEORGIA.—*The Georgia Odd Fellow*, Gainesville; monthly.

GERMANY, EUROPE.—*Der Odd Fellow*, Leipzig; semi-monthly.

IDAHO.—*The Idaho Odd Fellow*, Caldwell; monthly.

ILLINOIS.—*The Odd Fellows' Herald*, Springfield; monthly. *Chicago Odd Fellow*, Chicago; weekly. *The P. M. Monthly*, Chicago; monthly. *The Egyptian Odd Fellow*, Carlyle; monthly.

INDIANA.—*The National Rebekah*, Frankton; monthly.

IOWA.—*The Iowa Odd Fellow*, Maxwell; semi-monthly.

KANSAS.—*The Western Odd Fellow*, Topeka; monthly.

KENTUCKY.—*Truth*, Lyndon; monthly.

MANITOBA.—*Western Canada Odd Fellow*, Winnipeg; monthly.

MICHIGAN.—*The American Odd Fellow*, Williamston; monthly.

MINNESOTA.—*The Odd Fellow Review*, St. Paul; monthly. *Odd Fellows' Bulletin*, St. Paul; monthly.

MISSOURI.—*Missouri Odd Fellow*, Trenton; monthly.

NEW MEXICO.—*New Mexico Odd Fellow*, Silver City; monthly.

NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.—*Odd Fellow Blad*, Amsterdam; semi-monthly.

NEVADA.—*Odd Fellows' Journal*, Sparks; monthly.

NEW YORK.—*The Lodge Record*, Watertown; monthly. *Der Führer*, New York City; weekly.

NORTH CAROLINA.—*The North Carolina Odd Fellow*, Raleigh; monthly.

OHIO.—*The Bundle of Sticks*, Columbus; monthly.

OKLAHOMA.—*The Oklahoma Odd Fellow*, Carmen; monthly.

ONTARIO.—*The Dominion Independent Odd Fellow*, Toronto; monthly.

OREGON.—*Pacific Odd Fellow*, Portland; monthly.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—*South Carolina Odd Fellow*, Columbia; monthly.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—*The Odd Fellow World*, Sioux Falls; monthly.

SWEDEN, EUROPE.—*Svensk Odd Fellow Tidning*, Stockholm; monthly.

SWITZERLAND.—*Helvetia, I. O. O. F.*, Zurich; monthly.

TENNESSEE.—*Odd Fellows' News*, Greeneville; monthly.

TEXAS.—*The Texas Odd Fellow*, Dallas; monthly. *South Texas I. O. O. F. News*, Houston; monthly.

UTAH.—*Utah Odd Fellow*, Salt Lake City; monthly.

VIRGINIA.—*Virginia Odd Fellow*, Richmond; monthly.

WASHINGTON.—*The Washington Odd Fellow*, Seattle; monthly.

WEST VIRGINIA.—*The West Virginia Odd Fellow*, Winfield; monthly.

WISCONSIN.—*The Odd Fellows' Friend*, Milwaukee; monthly.

HOMES, ASYLUMS, ETC., OF THE ORDER.

The annexed tables give the information received in response to requests sent to all the Grand Secretaries in compliance with Report 81, Journal of 1915, pages 262, 274.

Jurisdiction.	Name.	Location.	Organized.	Pro
*Alabama	Alabama Odd Fellows' Home.....	Cullman	1906	Bldg. &
Arkansas	I. O. O. F. Widows' and Orphans' Home.....	Batesville	1897	Bldgs. &
Australasia ...	I. O. O. F. Orphans' Home.....	Cottesloe, Perth, W. A.	1905	Bldgs. &
California	Odd Fellows' Home.....	Saratoga	1895	Bldgs. &
	I. O. O. F. Orphans' Home of California.....	Gilroy, Santa Clara Co. ...	1897	Bldgs. &
Colorado	Odd Fellows' Home.....	Canon City ...	1914	Bldgs. &
Connecticut ...	The Odd Fellows' Home of Connecticut.....	Groton	1892	Bldgs. &
Dist. of Col...	The Odd Fellows' Home Association of the D. C.	Washington ...	1903	Bldg. &
Florida	Florida Odd Fellows' Home.....	Gainesville	1914	Bldg. &
Illinois	Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home.....	Lincoln	1892	Bldgs. &
	Old Folks' Home.....	Mattoon	1898	Bldgs. &
Indiana	I. O. O. F. Home of Indiana.....	Greensburg ...	1900	Bldgs. &
Iowa	Iowa Odd Fellows' and Orphans' Home.....	Mason City ...	1903	Bldgs. &
Kansas	Rebekah Odd Fellows' Home.....	Manhattan	1906	Bldgs. &
Kentucky	Widows' and Orphans' Home of Kentucky.....	Lexington	1898	Bldgs. &
	Home for Odd Fellows, Widows and Rebekahs...	Eminence	1915	Bldgs. &
Louisiana	Odd Fellows' Home Association of Louisiana....	Crowley	1906	Bldgs. &
Massachusetts ..	The Odd Fellows' Home of Massachusetts.....	Worcester	1892	Bldgs. &
Michigan	Odd Fellows' Home.....	Jackson	1898	Bldg. &
Minnesota	Odd Fellows' Home.....	Northfield	1891	Bldgs. &
Missouri	Odd Fellows' Home of Missouri.....	Liberty	1893	Bldgs. &
Montana	Montana I. O. O. F. Home.....	Helena	1910	Bldg. &
Nebraska	Odd Fellows' Home.....	York	1911	Fund &
Nevada	Royal D. Hartung Home for Orphans and Foundlings	Reno	1914	Bldg. &
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Odd Fellows' Home.....	Concord	1886	Bldg. &
New Jersey	Odd Fellows' Home of New Jersey.....	Trenton	1885	Bldgs. &
	Ridgely Home for Orphans of I. O. O. F.....	Newark	1895	Bldg. &
*New Mexico .	I. O. O. F. Home.....	Roswell	1909	Bldgs. &
*New York ...	The Long Island I. O. O. F. Home Association...	Hollis, Queens Co. .	1891	Bldgs. &
	The Odd Fellows' Home Association of New York	Lockport	1893	Bldg. &
	German Odd Fellows' Home and Orphanage.....	Yonkers	1886	Bldgs. &
	The Odd Fellows' Home Association of Eastern New York	Stuyvesant	1906	Bldgs. &
		Goldsboro	1892	Bldgs. &
North Carolina.	I. O. O. F. Home.....	Springfield	1898	Bldgs. &
Ohio	I. O. O. F. Home.....	Carmen	1907	Bldgs.
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Odd Fellows' Home.....	Checotah	1903	Bldg. &
	The Odd Fellows' Home.....	Toronto	1903	Bldgs.
Ontario	Ontario Odd Fellows' Home.....	Portland	1883	Bldgs.
Oregon	Odd Fellows' Home of Oregon.....	Philadelphia ..	1894	House &
Pennsylvania ..	Rebekah Home, I. O. O. F.....	Philadelphia ..	1883	Bldg. &
	Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania	Sunbury	1896	Bldgs.
	The Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of Central Pennsylvania	Ben-Avon	1890	Bldg. &
	Home for Widows and Orphans of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia ..	1874	Bldgs.
	Odd Fellows' Home of Pennsylvania.....	Meadville	1872	Bldgs.
	Odd Fellows' Home of Western Pennsylvania....	Grove City	1901	Bldgs.
	Odd Fellows' Home for Aged and Infirm.....	E. Providence.	1903	Bldgs.
Rhode Island .	Odd Fellows' Home.....	Greenville	1905	Bldgs.
South Carolina.	Odd Fellows' Orphan Home.....	Dell Rapids ...	1911	Bldg. &
South Dakota .	South Dakota Odd Fellows' and Orphans' Home.	Clarksville	1898	Bldgs.
Tennessee	Odd Fellows' Home of Tennessee.....	Corsicana	1886	Bldgs.
Texas	I. O. O. F. Widows' and Orphans' Home.....	Ludlow	1895	Bldgs.
Vermont	The Gill Odd Fellows' Home of Vermont.....	Lynchburg	1902	Bldg. &
*Virginia	The Odd Fellows' Home of Virginia.....	Walla Walla ..	1897	Bldgs.
Washington ...	Odd Fellows' Home.....	Elkins	1909	Bldg. &
West Virginia..	Odd Fellows' Home.....	Green Bay	1890	Bldgs.
Wisconsin	Odd Fellows' Home Association.....			

* No report for 1917.

Present Value.	Cost of maintenance.	Per capita. Subordinate members.	Per capita. Rebekah members.	Number of residents.	Number admitted from date of opening.	Superintendent.	Matron.
$150,000 00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	Ed. B. Miller.....	.....
60,000 00	$21,500 00	$1 00	$ 20	148	.....	G. T. Reaves.....	Mrs. Claudia M. Reaves.
21,250 00	2,575 00	.....	....	30	.....	.....	.....
282,000 00	43,505 86	1 20	....	156	671	Chas. A. Arnold...	Mrs. M. A. Arnold.
20,000 00	13,605 02	.....	....	52	236	.....	Mrs. Susie J. Harris.
70,000 00	9,015 25	70	20	40	59	Charles Ankele ...	Mrs. Margaret Ankele.
55,000 00	13,029 26	34	....	39	181	F. O. Woodward...	Nellie Woodward.
9,000 00	582 80	10	....	2	2	.....	Mrs. R. T. McMullen.
25,000 00	1,800 00	40	....	10	19	.....	Mrs. Adele Marable.
247,752 92	42,821 26	50	....	220	770	J. A. Lucas.....	Mrs. Josephine Lucas.
196,800 00	52,774 52	.....	....	186	612	E. R. Sayler.....	Mrs. Rhoda Sayler.
300,000 00	38,160 89	40	13	183	684	Chas. E. Lockhart.	Mrs. B. M. Lockhart.
250,000 00	22,355 64	50	....	161	409	.....	Mrs. Alta Striker.
72,225 00	9,756 95	30	05	84	.....	G. E. Groomer.....	Mrs. G. E. Groomer.
250,000 00	28,336 44	1 50	....	156	379	Jasper Eckler	Mrs. Ollie Eckler.
30,000 00	3,004 63	20	10	5	8	Chas. Clendenin ..	Mrs. M. H. Clendenin.
35,000 00	4,271 57	1 00	....	22	.....	.....	Mrs. M. R Mathews.
160,000 00	30,473 89	54	....	111	400	Herbert B. Belcher	Sarah E. Belcher.
116,000 00	20,412 13	25	10	65	217	C. L. Comfort.....	Mrs. C. L. Comfort.
83,913 41	11,926 55	35	....	51	223	George Jarchow ..	Mrs. Aurelia Jarchow.
360,000 00	45,112 54	75	10	196	620	Mrs. Annie B. Lee.	.....
36,955 40	5,492 00	50	....	20	35	C. S. Bowser.....	Mrs. Anna Bowser.
170,000 00	14,967 05	65	....	83	160	J. W. Pittman.....	Mrs. J. W. Pittman.
10,000 00	1,342 59	.....	....	5	5	.....	Mrs. May Murray.
25,000 00	7,648 38	25	....	27	168	Charles E. Palmer.	Mrs. C. G. Roby.
70,000 00	16,071 96	50	....	67	161	E. S. Adams.....	Mrs. E. S. Adams.
22,000 00	3,157 64	12	25	18	.....	Fred J. Becker....	Mrs. Fred J. Becker.
15,000 00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	W. W. Ogle.....	Miss Willie Highsmith.
60,000 00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
121,729 84	12,272 22	.....	....	67	210	L. G. Baker.....	Mrs. K. Vaessler.
385,000 00	44,302 71	1 00	....	99	731	A. Menge	.....
30,000 00	4,400 69	52	....	11	22	Thomas Edwards ..	Mrs. Thomas Edwards.
150,000 00	32,816 46	1 60	20	166	.....	Chas. O. Baird....	Mrs. Chas. O. Baird.
200,000 00	52,942 27	.....	....	321	1,062	M. W. Battenfield.	Mrs. M. W. Battenfield.
95,000 00	17,440 76	90	10	97	285	L. C. Hadley.....	Mrs. Orpha C. Hadley.
70,000 00	13,600 01	90	10	55	245	John I. McCoole...	Mrs. T. M. McCoole.
80,000 00	9,669 70	10	....	44	71	John Buchanan ...	Mrs. John Buchanan.
100,000 00	14,979 10	70	15	59	206	Charlotte Woodman	.....
18,750 00	.....	.....	....	19	51	.....	Mrs. Addie E. Roberts.
160,000 00	16,954 71	50	....	84	362	.....	Mrs. Clara Tuttle.
122,804 30	31,216 14	50	....	160	342	E. E. Chubbuck...	Mrs. E. E. Chubbuck.
35,000 00	12,452 31	50	....	91	450	.....	Mrs. Lillie J. Carson.
55,000 00	16,273 94	52	....	61	449	.....	Mrs. A. E. Holsworth.
56,000 00	17,845 29	50	....	83	272	C. C. Cunningham.	Mrs. C. C. Cunningham.
250,000 00	13,422 88	25	....	43	140	Miles Corll	Mrs. Miles Corll.
10,000 00	8,129 71	25	10	6	13	Malcolm D. McCunn	Mrs. M. D. McCunn.
15,000 00	2,450 00	1 00	....	16	.....	.....	Mrs. C. B. Bynum.
60,000 00	8,245 35	.....	....	31	66	.....	Mrs. Grace Sutphen.
75,000 00	35,449 82	1 50	....	187	377	E. E. York.....	Mrs. Julia F. York.
235,000 00	47,467 21	1 50	....	379	.....	R. M. Whitten.....	Mrs. R. M. Whitten.
30,000 00	6,996 30	50	....	20	73	L. E. Boyce.....	Mrs. L. E. Boyce.
100,000 00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
150,000 00	19,930 01	.....	....	65	177	N. K. Staley.....	Mrs. Caroline A. Staley.
112,869 97	14,055 28	60	....	95	164	Jas. H. Stout.....	Mrs. Gertrude S. Nicols.
50,000 00	16,165 87	50	15	61	261	D. R. Williams....	Mrs. D. R. Williams.
$5,940,050 84	$928,222 56			4,457	12,048		

The following Jurisdictions, where Homes have not yet been established, report as follows:

ALBERTA.—Raising a fund for a Home; cash on hand for the purpose, $8,724.20.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Raising a fund for a Home; cash on hand for the purpose $25,015.33.

DENMARK.—Has 4 small Odd Fellows' Homes under subordinate lodges and are existing by private gifts.

IDAHO.—No building yet erected. Approximately about $80,000.00 in Home Fund.

MANITOBA.—Cash in Home Fund, $53,464.12.

MISSISSIPPI.—Accumulating fund for Home; have $29,387.44 safely invested for the purpose.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Raising a fund for a Home; cash on hand and invested, bearing interest, $55,000.00.

SASKATCHEWAN.—Raising a fund for a Home; cash on hand, $8,763.40.

SWITZERLAND.—Has a fund of $8,316.00.

WYOMING.—Raising a fund for a Home; cash on hand, $13,927.62.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence from Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes and Assembly Secretaries, showing the condition of the various branches of the Order in the different Jurisdictions, is presented herewith and will be found useful and interesting as it comes from active and experienced workers, and contains valuable suggestions and information:

ALABAMA.—May D. Brunson, Secretary: "Despite the fact that we lost many lodges by recalled charters in 1917 the working lodges have almost if not quite made up the deficiency in numbers. The Alabama Rebekahs have met the extra burden laid on them by the war and our lodges are all doing Red Cross work as well as Rebekah work, and in most cases are doing both well. The Assembly will not meet in 1918, therefore, we have two years before we can submit a complete report, but the President and I look forward to a better year even than the past one has been."

ALBERTA.—O. E. Tisdale, Grand Secretary: "It gives me pleasure to report that notwithstanding the strenuous times through which we are passing, the Order in this Jurisdiction is in a healthy condition and that for the year 1917 we had a gain in membership of 190."

A. Evelyn Rogers, Secretary: "I am pleased to report a slight increase in membership during the past year. Several new lodges have been instituted, one dormant lodge has been revived, and reports are regular and encouraging from most of the older lodges."

ARIZONA.—Nettie Scott, Secretary: "I am glad to report the Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship in Arizona still continues to prosper. During the year ending December 31, 1917, the gain in membership was but 118; while it was but a small gain, yet we feel thankful it is a gain and not a loss. We now have a membership of 1534. The Grand Lodge and Assembly postponed their meeting from April 15 to July 13, to meet at Prescott for the purpose of attending the 50th anniversary of the subordinate lodge, Arizona, No. 1. The Assembly is working along harmoniously, the officers doing their work faithfully, and to the best interest of the Order."

ARKANSAS.—H. J. Nemnich, Grand Secretary: "In our report to The Sovereign Grand Lodge for 1916 we had a gain of 804, but in our 1917 report we, I am sorry to say, had a loss in membership. It seems that as soon as the war hit this country all the members have been turning their entire attention to the prosecution of the war. It is right that we should all do our very best to bring the war to a speedy close, but my opinion is that the membership should realize that right now, more than any other time in the history of our Order, do we need the workings and teachings of Odd Fellowship. More brotherly love and fraternalism is needed at this time."

H. C. Graham, Grand Scribe: "Judging from our report there is not much activity in the Encampment branch in Arkansas; however, the future looks bright. We have cleaned up the 'slackers' and are working now with all live encampments so we feel that we have reached the low ebb and any movement now is bound to be upward."

Mrs. Medora A. Reid, Secretary: "The Rebekah lodges of Arkansas are doing fairly well, and their part in Red Cross work, Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps, besides not forgetting the Orphans' Home at Batesville. The prospects for a successful year are encouraging."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Fred. Davey, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "I regret that a loss of membership has again occurred in each branch during the past year; a fact not to be wondered at, when we take into consideration the enlistment and drafting of our young manhood into the army in connection with the great war; and the reluctance felt to invite young men to join our lodges for fear they may also be called upon to serve their country in the fighting line. We must have nearly 1000 brothers serving with the colors, this forms a large percentage of our membership and necessarily imposes a great strain on our resources, which has been borne cheerfully and ungrudgingly now for nearly four years. There is, however, no wavering, and we are determined to give these self-sacrificing brothers our full support, no matter how long this conflict lasts, until victory is assured.

"This war overshadows and dwarfs all other questions, and involves for us, some serious and perplexing questions which we are doing our best to solve in a patriotic and fraternal spirit. We are very optimistic respecting the future of Odd Fellowship in this Jurisdiction when peace is again restored; meanwhile, we are doing our best to keep the 'home fires burning.'"

Frances A. Walker, Secretary: "The work of the Rebekah lodges in British Columbia is in a very satisfactory condition. I am pleased to report our loss of membership is almost covered by new members. Two new lodges have been instituted this year. Redland, No. 12, will be instituted at Penticton during the session of the Assembly. A great number of the Rebekah lodges are raising funds in aid of the I. O. O. F. Home Fund. Some of the Rebekah lodges are showing their patriotism by doing Red Cross work and providing comforts for our brothers at the front. The good done in this manner can never be properly estimated. Our lodges are working harmoniously and to the best interest of the Order."

CALIFORNIA.—H. D. Richardson, Grand Secretary: "It gives me pleasure to inform you that the tide has turned, and instead of a loss a gain of 317 subordinate members is noted in the membership of the

subordinate lodges and 43 in the Rebekah branch of the Order; the end of the year 1918 will show a still larger gain in accordance with present prospects. The slogan 'get busy,' as promulgated by Clifton H. Connick, Grand Master, has been taken up from one end of the State to the other, and lodges are alive to the fact that so many of the members are entering the service of their country the membership must be increased to fill the places of the absent ones. From January 1, 1918, to May 1, 1918, reports have been received from upward of 260 subordinate lodges showing a gain of over 800 members which warrants the prediction that a good substantial increase will be shown when the end of the year rolls round. The last session of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly were highly honored by the presence of Grand Sire Frank C. Goudy, who, at each gathering of representatives and delegates, made both helpful and soul-inspiring patriotic addresses."

Mary E. Donoho, Secretary: "Regardless of unusual circumstances, the general condition of the Order in California is gratifying and encouraging—numerically, financially, fraternally and patriotically—and we are all Hooverizing."

Colorado.—O. E. Jackson, Grand Secretary: "We feel that it is worth something to make the gain in membership we have during the past year when we consider the many disturbing factors growing out of the entrance of our country into the great war. Our lodges, both subordinate and Rebekah, have nobly responded to the call to duty and service for our nation. Our ideals are no longer merely abstract and academic. We are now called upon to practice what we have preached these many years. Our lodges are engaged in the practical work of buying Liberty Bonds, operating war savings associations, forming Red Cross units and spreading abroad the necessity for the conservation of the food supply. All our lodges appear to be wide awake to the awful fact that the great cause of human brotherhood for which we strive will be set back one thousand years if we fail to win this war. We have organized to take care of the dues of every soldier and sailor member in the service of the U. S. during the war and for one year thereafter and to assist their families when in distress. From the war record cards on file in this office at the present time it is evident that more than 500 of our members have responded to the patriotic call of the nation, and as many more will no doubt soon do likewise"

J. M. Norman, Grand Scribe: "It is with no little degree of pleasure that I am able to report that our Jurisdiction is holding its own, even during the great crisis which is confronting the world. No one can penetrate the future, and tell us what effect the world-wide war will have upon the progress and growth of our matchless Order in Colorado, but we can all realize the wonderful work of relief, helpfulness and benevolence it is doing. Odd Fellowship has a grand mission to perform in the great struggle for freedom and democracy through which the world is passing. The duties of the hour—the principles of our peerless fraternity demand that we be loyal to our country and our flag. The United States has joined the other great free nations that these God-given tenets may continue to bring peace and happiness and liberty to the children of men. As loyal Odd Fellows, it is our duty to sacrifice our time and means, to join the great throng of American citizens in standing behind our Sammies and our Allies in this crucial period of the world's history."

Lily I. Lamont, Secretary: "The Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship in Colorado shows a gain in membership and most of the lodges in a prosperous condition, the membership at present being 9065. Most of the lodges are doing a great work for the Red Cross, and each doing their part in the conservation of food. Our Home is our pride and all the residents are happy and contented."

CONNECTICUT.—William S. Hutchison, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "We have passed through a very trying and strenuous year, and the results, considering the conditions we have had to meet, are very satisfactory. Net gain in membership, 569; in assets, $46,130.27. Membership, December 31, 1917, 25,851; assets, $1,016,698.79. What the year 1918 has in store for us no one can say, but you can count on Connecticut members doing 'their bit' in the great struggle for democracy and humanity, and we will keep 'the lodge fires burning till the boys come home.'"

"While we have not made the increased gain we had anticipated over that of 1916, owing to the conditions caused by the world war, yet we report a gain of 114 in membership, and an increase in assets of $3,692.23; 37 encampments, membership 5643; assets, $82,833.25. We will make a special effort to keep our membership active, so that we may be able to report a nice increase for 1918."

Mary E. Johnson, Secretary: "I am pleased to report that the Rebekah lodges in this Jurisdiction are (with few exceptions) in a very prosperous condition. While the net gain for 1917 was less than the previous year, the results were exceedingly gratifying. The membership throughout the State are deeply interested in the various war activities and I can safely say are doing more for humanity than ever before, thus putting into practice the true teachings of the Order."

DELAWARE.—W. W. Douty, Grand Secretary: "The Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the State of Delaware is still advancing both in numerical strength and affluence, our increase in membership is very gratifying to the active workers in the Order. In the last 10 years we have doubled our membership, and the finances of the respective subordinate bodies is keeping pace with the increased membership. Out of a membership of 4400, we have about 300 members in active service of our country. Each member in service is furnished with an identification medal on entering the service and the Grand Lodge has a complete record of each brother and the Grand Lodge also keeps each brother in active service of his country in good standing in his subordinate lodge during the duration of the war. The subordinate lodges are all active in Liberty Loans, War Savings and, in fact, everything that will have a tendency to assist the government in bringing to a close this great crisis now pending. We are also proud to inform you that the Jurisdiction of Delaware has a Rebekah Assembly. We have all branches in the little Diamond State and doing everything possible for the advancement of Odd Fellowship in general. To the future we are looking forward and trust that we may still continue to uphold the banner of Odd Fellowship as in the past."

C. Frank Davidson, Grand Scribe: "The outlook for the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction is promising and the

Grand Officers are active on the firing line intent on gaining new recruits to strengthen our fighting front so that it will be possible to go over the top. Our report will show a slight gain and the coming year has in it great possibilities for the Encampment branch and it is the hope of the Grand Officers to awaken some of the dormant encampments and stimulate them with new life and vigor. At the memorial services held last evening in the Play House, this city, the Encampment branch and the Patriarchs Militant were largely represented, the principal speaker being Wilson K. Mohr, Grand Representative from Pennsylvania."

District of Columbia.—Frank E. Rapp, Grand Secretary: "This Jurisdiction is striving to do its duty in spite of the obstacles that have confronted us during the past year during the time our Temple was being erected and when we were compelled to meet in temporary quarters unsuitable for degree work. Our spacious and beautiful Temple has been completed and dedicated to the works of the Order, and the small loss of last year has already been overcome by new additions to our membership and we hope to end the year with a substantial gain. The work of the Order in the sale of Thrift Stamps and in Red Cross work has been of the best and great results obtained; this is especially true of all our Rebekah lodges."

Henrietta Werner, Secretary: "I am indeed sorry to report for this Jurisdiction a loss of 131 members during 1917; 10 of these were by death, the remainder by suspension were unavoidable. Interest in the work is not on the wane, the Rebekahs here are earnest in their work, and I am pleased to report that since January 1, 1918, applications for membership in our lodges have been coming in regularly, and I feel confident that we will 'make good' during the year. Our Assembly held a most happy meeting on May 7, and was attended by both past and present officers of the Rebekah Assembly and other members of the State of Maryland."

Florida.—M. M. Little, Grand Secretary: "The Order, under the circumstances, is doing very well in Florida. As you will note by our last report, we made a small gain in membership during the year. We lost during the year three lodges by suspension, but we gained seven new ones which made us come out ahead on the general aggregate at the end of the year. Since the meeting of our Grand Lodge, a movement has been set in motion to purchase Liberty Bonds and War Saving Stamps for the benefit of our Home, these to be placed in the hands of the Grand Lodge as an endowment fund. The Grand Master has issued a circular letter in which the various lodges are requested to raise $5.00 per member for this purpose, and the lodges are responding nobly to this request. We as a Jurisdiction have tendered our services to the United States as a patriotic duty, to serve in any way possible. The Rebekah branch of our Order is also doing a great work in our State, one new lodge has been instituted since our Grand Lodge met in April."

S. C. McConnell, Grand Scribe: "From the annual report of the Grand Encampment of Florida I am pleased to report quite a gain in membership for the year 1917; the efforts of the preceding Grand Patriarch have borne fruit and the incoming Grand Patriarch has determined to equal, if not exceed, this gain for the coming year. Conditions in

Florida have improved very much and many of the subordinate encampments are doing degree work every month, the subordinate lodges are taking in new members and from them the encampments are getting a goodly proportion. The many calls of our government for war purposes has had an effect upon the finances of some of our subordinate encampments, but on the whole we are more than holding our own and with increased membership our financial reports should improve considerably during the coming year."

Nettie Robb Gunz, Secretary: "The Rebekah degree in Florida in many ways is holding its own, and we are anticipating a continued interest for the present year. We report an increase of 99 over last year, which we think encouraging in the light of present conditions. There is much interest in patriotic work, and our lodges are doing considerable Red Cross work which we feel is our duty as well as pleasure. Several of the lodges have taken out Liberty Bonds and have also assisted in the recent Red Cross drive. We had a very helpful session of the Assembly and many pronounced it the 'best one yet.' Our new President, Mrs. Ivy Lane, is very progressive and we are hoping for the most successful year of the Assembly under her able administration. Our retiring President, Mrs. Lana Walter, strengthened our foundations, and there is much of progress and interest to show for her year's work. We had three new lodges last year and another one is ready for institution in the near future."

GEORGIA.—T. H. Robertson, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "We are sending you enclosed annual report for 1917. We are not satisfied with the year's work as indicated by this report. At the same time we are gratified that it shows an improvement over 1916. A great number or members which we have lost are chargeable to lodges that have been delinquent for some time, but whose charters were taken up during the year. We are organizing our resources, training our forces and strengthening our lines for a forward movement. Conditions have forced us to fall back for the past several years, but we have given ground in order and with our faces to the front. The spirit of the Order is fine throughout the State."

M. C. Strickland, Secretary: "Georgia Rebekah Odd Fellowship has shown much interest the past year, and has co-operated with the Food Administration cheerfully and gladly; we are also doing Red Cross work, and engaging in war activities wherever possible, the members individually are conserving and helping greatly to assist in all war work. We see a bright future for a Home in our State; there is every indication that we will soon have a 'Robert T. Daniel Memorial Home' and the Rebekah Assembly has a little over $1,000.00 in the Home Fund now, a small amount, but we are proud to have even this amount to offer for so dear a cause. There have been two lodges resuscitated and two new ones instituted the past year, and we have a bright future with several good prospects for this term, and the members are all more enthused and we feel encouraged and look for a good year's work. We are indeed glad to say we are on a much more satisfactory financial standing, been able to meet our expenses for the last two years, and hope by conservative management to keep this up, for we realize that to make a success any Order or business must be a financial success."

IDAHO.—Presley F. Horne, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "Odd Fellowship has continued to move forward in Idaho during the year 1917. Our report for the year showed an increase in membership in every branch of the Order. Our progress has not only been along the lines of greater membership, but also in increased efficiency, earnestness of purpose, and enthusiasm for Odd Fellowship. Our members have a full appreciation of its past achievements, but a keener realization of the opportunities which the future affords. They are intensely patriotic, and doing their full share, in fact, their very best, to aid their government. Odd Fellows' halls from one end of our State to the other are being utilized for Red Cross headquarters, and our members, more especially our Rebekahs, are helping, in fact, very frequently leading, in this work. Our suspensions for non-payment of dues decreased very materially during the year; men are not going to drop out of Odd Fellowship during such times as these, and the doctrine of the brotherhood of man will bind us closer together than ever before.

"Our encampments have been especially active during the year. A number of them have doubled their membership. Most of our encampments draw their membership from several subordinate lodges, and they serve to bring the Odd Fellows of their communities closer together, promote the spirit of getting better acquainted with your neighbor, and thus prove a genuine benefit to the subordinate lodges. We are decidedly pleased with the progress of the Patriarchal branch in Idaho."

ILLINOIS.—John H. Sikes, Grand Secretary: "Odd Fellowship is in splendid condition in the State of Illinois. There was much apprehension that the war would seriously interfere with the growth of the Order, but I am pleased to report that there is more activity in all branches of the Order in Illinois than there has been for a number of years. The net gain in subordinate membership for the past year was 2222. The war legislation in the matter of relieving our subordinate lodges from the payment of sick and funeral benefits to soldiers and sailors belonging to the Order seems to be working out satisfactorily. The substance of this legislation is as follows, viz.: The Grand Lodge of Illinois agrees to reimburse subordinate lodges for sick benefits paid to soldier and sailor members to the extent of $3.00 per week, and to reimburse lodges for funeral benefits paid to the extent of $50.00 on each death. In addition the Grand Lodge is endeavoring to care for the wants of soldier and sailor members of the Order while in our cantonments."

Sam J. Baker, Grand Scribe: "It gives me pleasure to report so great an interest in Patriarchal Odd Fellowship as shown in the Illinois net gain of 648 members. The encampments have shown a great activity so far during the present year and it looks like our next report will be as satisfactory as the one I am sending you now."

Mae E. Crowell, Secretary: "The Rebekah lodges of Illinois are in a very prosperous condition. The gain in membership for the year ending December 31, 1917, was 1496, almost double that of the preceding year.

"In response to a request from the President of 1917 the Rebekahs donated about two thousand dollars to each of the Homes. At the Old Folks' Home new floors were laid in the dining room and kitchen, and the dining room was redecorated and entirely refurnished. White vitrolite top tables are installed and new dining room chairs to accom-

modate 200 people. At the Orphans' Home the two large reception rooms were entirely refurnished and a new piano purchased.

"By request of the President, Irene W. Cooper, the week of March 18, 1918, was set aside as Red Cross week. Each lodge was asked to have an entertainment and donate the proceeds as an offering from the Rebekahs, as the result of this call to present date, the sum of $8250 has been received. On May 9, 1918, six thousand dollars of this fund was sent to the National Headquarters of the Red Cross to purchase two large ambulances for service in France, to be inscribed 'From the Rebekahs of Illinois, U. S. A.' The balance of the fund will be used to either furnish beds in the base hospital at Neuilly, France, or another ambulance may be purchased if enough money is received from later donations. The Rebekah lodges of Illinois are 100 per cent on the food conservation as requested by the government."

INDIANA.—W. H. Leedy, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "When we consider the conditions that exist here and elsewhere, I do not think that we can complain of the progress we are making in the Order. It is true that we lost in the last half of the year, but have a slight gain for the year of over 200, which justifies us in the belief that the Order is in a very good condition. If possible, we shall attempt to maintain it at its past enviable position.

"There is considerable activity reported in the Encampment branch of the Order in this State, but hardly sufficient to justify the belief that there is any unusual growth. I feel sure we are maintaining our own and as soon as the war conditions shall have changed will, I think, go forward again."

IOWA.—J. C. Koonz, Grand Secretary: "I am pleased to state that this Jurisdiction as a whole is in a good healthy condition. Our report shows a gain in membership of 887. This is about 412 better than last year. It is also a pleasure to state that many of our lodges are very active at this time in taking in new members and it looks as though we would have a larger increase the coming year than ever before."

A. E. Hyland, Grand Scribe: "You will note the report shows a loss in this Jurisdiction of 276. This is accounted for largely from the suspension of the members of several encampments, which have become dormant and have failed to report for one year. The Grand Patriarch expects either to resuscitate these encampments or take up their charters."

S. Elizabeth Matheney, Secretary: "Our branch of the Order in this State is holding its own I am proud to say. We made a gain in membership of 728 in 1917, and as we travel over the State we find the majority of lodges doing good work also doing Red Cross work, buying bonds and War Savings Stamps. We see a service flag beside almost every flag unfurled in the lodge-room, so we feel our Order is giving of her best manhood in this world-wide conflict. We are erecting the Grace Lewis Memorial in the way of a very beautiful nursery for our little ones in the Home. We have over one hundred and fifty residents in our Homes, all doing well and very happy. Our members have made fine returns as regards the conservation of food circular issued by the Grand Sire. Our State President, Leah Washburn is working hard and doing her best to keep our work up to its previous standard. We realize

in this respect we have something to do and we are endeavoring to do it. In our last session we passed a law requiring our Noble Grand and Vice Grand to learn the secret work and the opening and closing exercises of the lodge and it has worked splendidly."

KANSAS.—Will J. Russell, Grand Secretary: "You will note a small increase in membership and a very good increase financially. Prospects at this time for good substantial gains this year look bright. Within the past month contracts have been let for the construction of a building at our Home to replace the one destroyed by fire in November, 1916; the new building will be a fire-proof structure and will cost approximately $140,000.00."

A. M. Bain, Grand Scribe: "Total encampment membership in Kansas shows a gain of forty since last report, which though small, is very encouraging to us after the losses of the past two years. Great credit is due Past Grand Patriarch A. G. Muir and our present Grand Patriarch Wm. M. Stover, for this turning of the tide. I am also glad to report that from letters received from various encampments since January 1, there has been a widespread revival of interest and a marked increase in the number of admissions. We have also instituted two new encampments since the last meeting of The Sovereign Grand Lodge."

Katie A. Horne, Secretary: "The Rebekah branch in Kansas made a gain in membership during 1917 of 882. Harmony prevails all over the Jurisdiction. Charter fees for 8 new lodges have been received since last Assembly. A new Rebekah I. O. O. F. Home for the aged members of our Orders is being built at Eureka Lake, near Manhattan. This building when completed and furnished will cost $140,000."

KENTUCKY.—R. G. Elliott, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "The subordinate lodges in Kentucky continue to show a loss, although the loss is less this year than it has been for some years past. With the war conditions it does not appear as if we are going to make much of an advance, although we are putting forth special efforts looking to that end.

"I am glad to report a gain for the Patriarchal branch of the Order and considering the continued loss of the subordinate branch we are very much gratified in this result."

MAINE.—James R. Townsend, Grand Secretary: "The subordinate lodges of Maine have made a gain of 117 members during the year ending December 31, 1917, pushing the total up to 26,569. A special assessment for war relief has brought in a fund of $6,566.50 which is now at the disposal of the Board of Grand Officers. The subordinate and Rebekah lodges have contributed $1,685.00 for the relief of Halifax Odd Fellows. Far from being depressed by the shadow of war, our members were never more alert and filled with the desire to serve. You may expect them to go the limit in co-operation with all worthy measures of war work and relief. At this writing, I will make no estimate of the total enlistment from our lodges, as the number is constantly being increased. Be assured that from all sections of the State, our boys are going forward and that Maine Odd Fellows are taking an honorable part in the world war."

Grace E. Walton, Secretary: "I am glad to report good interest and work along all lines in Rebekah Odd Fellowship. In their visits to the lodges, the Assembly officers find, in most lodges, excellent work and a good gain in membership. The honor roll, containing names of lodges making no suspensions for non-payment of dues during the past year, bids fair to be a very gratifying one. In deference to the wishes of those in charge of our food regulations during the war, there are very few banquets served. Members generally seem to feel the need of good cheer and companionship in these days when sorrow and loneliness have come to so many homes and are striving to make the lodge homes bright and pleasant. District meetings continue to be an annual event in nearly every district in our State."

MANITOBA.—B. D. Deering, Grand Secretary: "On account of the war we have again to report a loss, all our available material of young men are doing their bit at the front and I don't expect any improvement for the coming year. We are taking stock and from past experiences find that we have been doing business too cheaply and the extra expense that we will no doubt be called on owing to the war will require more funds. To meet this our lodges are increasing the admission fees as well as the degree fees which will not only give us increased revenue, but a better class of members, some of our lodges only confer one degree a month and the applicant must be thoroughly posted before being advanced. We are after quality not quantity, and by this means hope to be able to keep those admitted and not have so many to report suspended for non-payment of dues."

D. E. McKinnon, Grand Scribe: "I enclose herewith the annual report for the year 1917. I regret that my expectations of a year ago have not been realized and that instead of showing an increase in membership, or even holding our own, we show a decrease of 147, which is considerable for a small Jurisdiction like ours. We hope this world-wide struggle in which we are all engaged will soon be at an end and no doubt, under normal conditions, our lodges and encampments will make progress as they have done heretofore."

C. M. McDonald, Secretary: "The Rebekah branch of our Order is, under the circumstances, doing well. During this term one new lodge has been instituted at Arden, a few more places are talking lodge, and the prospects are brighter than they have been for some time. The members are busy raising funds for furnishing the Home, which will be built in the not distant future. The Home idea is not being overlooked even in the stress of Red Cross work, in which our members take so active a part."

MARITIME PROVINCES.—J. J. McKinnon, Grand Secretary: "I am glad to be able to report a net increase in our subordinate membership of 84. Under present conditions I consider that if we merely hold our own we do very well, therefore, this increase, although not large, is all the more gratifying. Our lodges are working quietly and well and interest is maintained; 1052 of our members, almost 10 per cent, have enlisted for active service, of these 85 are now sleeping 'somewhere in France.'

"On the morning of December 6 the world was shocked by the fearful disaster at Halifax in which over 2000 persons were killed and many hundreds more maimed and blinded for life. About 25 of our members

were killed and our property losses amount to $338,000.00. An appeal was issued by the Grand Sire to which the response has been fairly generous; the complete figures are not available at this writing, but I expect to be able to make a complete report to you in the near future."

Melville McKean, Grand Scribe: "I am pleased to report a gain of 61 in membership, which I consider good, under the existing conditions prevailing throughout the world. Quite a number of our members are at the front and others are engaged in carrying on this world war, the end of which does not appear to be in sight. We are looking forward with pleasant anticipations for a visit of our Grand Sire, at our next annual session, which will be held at Kentville, N. S., on Tuesday, August 18, 1918. We shall endeavor to make his visit a pleasant one, and hope for beneficial results to all branches of the Order."

Mary McKean, Secretary: "I am pleased to report a gain of 1 brother and 119 sisters, a total gain in membership of 120, which I consider an excellent showing under the existing war conditions. Each Rebekah lodge is doing its part to help our soldiers and sailors in the great work which the Allies have undertaken. The finances of both the Rebekah lodges and the Assembly are in fair condition, notwithstanding the fact of the extraordinary cash expenditures, and the high prices of the necessaries of life, caused by this awful war; while numbers of the brothers have made the supreme sacrifice, our worthy sisters are nobly assisting in every good and noble work."

MARYLAND.—Susan Jones, Secretary: "As Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly of Maryland, it gives me pleasure to state the increased interest in the Rebekah lodges in our State, and notwithstanding the fact that we have lost two lodges that for several years have been weak; we are glad to state two other strong lodges have been instituted, and we have made a gain of nearly two hundred members. We feel much of this success is due to the letters of advice, encouragement and admonition received from our Grand Sire, Bro. Frank C. Goudy, and the faithful good brothers of our own Grand Lodge, also the united efforts of the officers of our Rebekah Assembly this past year. The lodges have been visited and helped in every way that a President can help, and the spirit of true Rebekahism prevails. The institution and regular meetings of the Rebekah lodges in the Red Cross units in this city, and all over the State have been very helpful, and are bringing good results, and keeping us within the middle link of our grand chain of Odd Fellowship."

MASSACHUSETTS.—George H. Fuller, Grand Secretary: "Every year for more than half a century Massachusetts Odd Fellowship has shown a gain in membership. Never in all these years was the increase so small as in 1917. Our record for a long, continuous, uninterrupted gain was nearly broken. The reason, as you well know, is because thousands of the young men of our fraternity have responded to their country's call to help save our twentieth century civilization. Our gain was small, but it was nevertheless a gain and our record of continuous growth still stands."

Frederick W. Pierce, Grand Patriarch: "The year 1917 in its beginning had every prospect of being a most successful one for Encampment Odd Fellowship, but the dark clouds of war soon dimmed the horizon

and caused a sudden halt in the forward march of our Order. In spite of adverse conditions, we admitted 585 new members, but a large number of suspensions and other losses by withdrawals, transfers and death completely offset the number of admissions.

"The contributing membership December 31, 1917, was exactly the same as on December 31, 1916, namely, 11,485. No net losses, no net gains. The non-contributing membership increased from 101 to 114. We therefore report a net gain in both classes of membership of thirteen during the year 1917. The total membership of 11,599 is the largest in the history of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts."

Sarah A. Barry, Secretary: "The lodges in this State have made a small gain in membership and now number over 36,000. We are all working for our boys across the water, and still realizing the fact that we must also work hard to keep up the interest in our lodges. We feel that while there are so many things of importance to attract the members in other directions, we must make our meetings interesting and keep them in the work. Our Assembly session was attended by nearly 700 Past Noble Grands and Past Grands, and among the business transactions, we purchased a one thousand dollar Liberty Bond."

MICHIGAN.—Isaac G. Reynolds, Grand Scribe: "The Encampment branch of our Order in Michigan continues to prosper and again we report a splendid net gain in finances and membership, the net gain in membership for the year 1917 being 767, making our total membership 13,634. During the past year there were no expulsions or suspensions for cause and no appeals, peace prevails among the patriarchs and perfect harmony exists with the other branches of our Order and through the untiring efforts of our faithful patriarchs we shall expect to submit to you an even better report for the present year. At our recent annual session, our Executive Committee was authorized to purchase Liberty Bonds and probably about $8,000.00 will be invested in same."

Hannah Baillargeon, Secretary: "The Rebekahs of Michigan are gaining in numbers right along. At the present time we have 22 delinquent lodges, but with all these delinquents, we had a net gain of 1419 members during 1917. Our President is putting forth every effort to help the weak and delinquent lodges, with the result that several have written that they are again going to take up the work of Rebekah Odd Fellowship. Almost every lodge has taken up Red Cross work, and is doing splendid work for 'our boys.' We have some new lodges in view, but do not expect as many as in some former years. However, the outlook for our Order is very favorable."

MINNESOTA.—A. L. Bolton, Grand Secretary: "The small net gain in membership may be attributed to various causes. Enlistments in the service of the U. S. has undoubtedly reduced the number of eligible young men, and the middle-aged seem to have felt the need of conservatism in expending their money for anything but actual necessities. Another cause for the slight increase in membership is the loss resulting from closing several apparently dead lodges, which the Grand Master's 'pulmotor' failed to resuscitate. Reports show, as usual, a flattering increase in invested funds. That we had a healthy year, physically

speaking, is evidenced by the fact that the amount paid for sick and funeral benefits in 1917 is $4,497.26 less than for the previous year."

Frank H. Castner, Grand Scribe: "Our initiations for last year, as you will see by the report, are very satisfactory, but the suspensions are abnormal. So far this year, however, the reports from the various encampments are very satisfactory. I imagine, however, that we need not look for any great gains until matters get settled down to something like a normal state and we must all admit that at the present time it is far from normal."

Lucy Bolton, Secretary: "Our Jurisdiction has been prosperous in the Rebekah branch during the past year, notwithstanding the changed conditions under which we are living. Several charters of dead lodges have been reclaimed, two new lodges have been instituted, and with few exceptions all the lodges are in a healthy condition. Our membership December 31, 1917, numbered 15,477, which is a net gain of 403. The spirit of loyal devotion to our Order and to our country has been shown in a marked degree the past year, in generous gifts to our Home at Northfield and in care of our own members. Almost $900.00 has been spent in special relief for 350 members. Much of this amount has been contributed from penny funds and aid societies organized by many of the lodges to assist in this way. Contributions to the Red Cross have been most generous, several hundred dollars having been given to this work as the result of entertainments held for that purpose or from private funds. All are doing their part in working for the Red Cross in making garments, surgical dressings and other comforts for the soldier boys."

Mississippi.—Walter S. P. Doty, Grand Secretary: "We are not gaining in membership in these strenuous times, but seem to be gaining in strength of purpose and spirit. The Order is ardently patriotic; many of the lodges have brave members in the military and naval service of the country. The Grand Lodge has invested several thousand dollars in Liberty Bonds, and every subordinate lodge able to do so is buying these bonds. At its recent session the Grand Lodge unanimously endorsed the administration of President Wilson, and sent patriotic greetings to the League to Enforce Peace. We believe in the dedication of every available energy and power of our country to fight this war to a finished victory for our country and her brave allies."

Missouri.—A. T. Hudelson, Grand Scribe: "I cannot make a very flattering report on the condition of the encampment of Missouri. Some encampments have made a considerable increase, while there has been loss in others. The larger encampments seem to be the most prosperous. Of course the war conditions have drawn from us heavily, and also have drawn young men who would make our best encampment workers. However, from the first reports of the year I think we will be able to hold our own, or come very near to it."

Otilia M. Parker, Secretary: "The spirit and work of the large number of the lodges in the Jurisdiction of Missouri during the past year has been highly satisfactory, but unfortunately we must also report quite a list of dormant lodges. The members added to our ranks in the year 1917 numbered 3367. Notwithstanding that 100 lodges were on the honor roll, reporting no suspensions for non-payment of dues, the number of members dropped on account of being delinquent was large—2957.

The total deductions were 3806. The year closed with a membership of 28,519, and with 495 lodges. The Home at Liberty received solicitous attention as in previous years. Liberal contributions were made to it by the Rebekahs, in addition to the tax of $2,710.60, which they paid. In place of a special Home donation as has been the custom in past terms, the President, Sister Emma Calder, earnestly appealed to the members to give at this time generously of their efforts and money to Red Cross and war work, and the reports show a magnanimous response to this patriotic call of the times. Hearty co-operation was also pledged by the membership, with the requests contained in the food conservation circulars, which were sent to the lodges."

MONTANA.—Nellie W. Neill, Secretary: "Rebekah work in Montana was never better. While our membership is increasing and the usual lodge work receiving the necessary amount of attention, the main topic of work and interest is the Red Cross and kindred subjects. Last fall our Assembly purchased Liberty Bonds to the amount of $500.00. Our determination is to keep on and assist in every possible way while the war lasts."

NEBRASKA.—I. P. Gage, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "Our subordinate lodges are in pretty fair working order and many of them showing unusual activity. Even comparing figures with last year, we are not disposed to brag over much, but we cannot resist the temptation to exclaim 'thank goodness it isn't a loss.' However we ought to do much better and indications now are that in 1918 we shall.

"Our Rebekah lodges are for the most part in good condition, although the gain in membership is not what we expected. We hope to do better. The Grand Sire's decisions last year as to District Associations of Rebekah lodges has been accepted by our districts with great unanimity and its good sense has appealed to our active workers, who have been saying since last September, 'why didn't we think before?'"

"We are rather proud of our patriarchal showing this time. While it does not quite come up to expectations, it is a long step toward the standard we have set up. We never realized how low a mark we had reached until the figures were made and we faced them. In spite of many discouragements our standard bearers for the two years last past have carried our banner well to the front, and all the stars point to a most successful year for 1918."

Emma L. Talbot, Secretary: "The State of Nebraska is still doing excellent work along the line of Rebekah Odd Fellowship. The service which our Assembly officers are giving is untiring and highly efficient. Interest in our Home continues; one of the Home girls will graduate from the York public school in June with high honors. The lodges are still sending contributions for the much-needed elevator at the Home. Only one new lodge has been instituted, but several charters have been surrendered. These have been dormant for years and the charters should have been taken up sooner. Harmony prevails throughout the Order. Many special sessions in connection with our district meeting are promoting much interest."

NEVADA.—Wm. Sutherland, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "The membership of the subordinate branch in Nevada is slowly increasing,

as is shown by annual report for 1917. One new lodge was instituted during the year, and the older lodges have more than held their own, which, under the present conditions of the country, is more than was expected. The Rebekah branch is also improving. One new lodge was instituted and substantial gains in membership made in some of the lodges, which gives them an increase over 1916.

"The Patriarchal branch of the Order in this Jurisdiction is keeping in line with the subordinate and Rebekah branches, and also shows a gain of one encampment and a slight increase in the membership during the past year."

Lizzie R. Mudd, Secretary: "The Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship in Nevada is very encouraging; we have made a fair gain in membership since last year. The lodges are working in harmony and the members are doing good in behalf of the Red Cross and other patriotic work."

New Hampshire.—Frank L. Way, Grand Secretary: "The result in the work of Odd Fellowship in New Hampshire for 1917 was not what we hoped it would be, but yet, was what we apprehended, owing to the untoward conditions brought about by the war situation. In fact, our lodges are going to be handicapped by the loss of many of their young men who have enlisted in the service of their country which, up to December 31, 1917, numbered 308, who have either been drafted or enlisted in service of army or navy. Seventy-seven of the 104 lodges in the State are already included in the war quota and more will undoubtedly be called upon to 'do their bit' before the struggle ends. As usual, the first half of the year showed considerable activity in lodge work and goodly gain in membership; but the customary decline of interest showed in the last six months with a greater loss than usual. This loss was due principally to the periodic dropping for non-payment of dues which seemed to be more general than heretofore—especially with the smaller lodges; and which resulted in a deduction of 228 or one and two-fifths per cent for the year. The deductions by reason of death were normal and the net loss for the year 1917 was 101, leaving the present membership 15,312. The number of initiations the past year was 436, or 63 less than the previous year. There were 86 lodges that had initiatory work, a few of which were unusually active in that respect. Only 20 lodges made a gain the past term, while 62 suffered losses, others quitting even."

Hendrick A. Currier, Grand Scribe: "Patriarchal Odd Fellowship in New Hampshire continues on the upward path owing to the faithful and conscientious work of the Board of Grand Officers in carrying out the district system of visitations, showing the largest gain for ten years. We also show a substantial increase in the invested funds of subordinate encampments. Prospects for 1918 are exceedingly bright, record-breaking classes having already been received in four encampments. An increase of interest throughout the State is noticeable, the older members stepping back into the harness and filling the places of the young patriarchs who are fighting the battles of democracy, and reviving some of the old time enthusiasm. We are hoping to soon fill in the two vacant numbers so our chain of encampments will not be broken."

Martha L. Sargent, Secretary: "The Rebekah Assembly of New Hampshire is making good progress each year. This year a vote was taken at the Assembly to have each lodge organize a society for war

relief work or Red Cross work, and most of the lodges in the State are doing great work along this line. At the next Assembly session each lodge is to report what they have accomplished. We have also been issuing certificates of perfection to the Past Noble Grands giving the unwritten work letter perfect and this seems to be a great incentive. We have every reason to be very proud of New Hampshire Rebekahs."

NEW JERSEY.—Harry S. Pine, Grand Secretary: "This Jurisdiction shows a small net gain in membership for the year 1917, a larger amount paid out for relief and an increased total of invested funds. We are more than pleased with this showing in view of the great amount of war activity. No State in the Union has so large a share as New Jersey, in cantonment, embarkation, hospital, shipbuilding, ammunition and supply plants; these things naturally divert thought and effort from regular channels, but we are keeping 'the home fires burning' in our lodges."

Frank R. Jummel, Grand Scribe: "It gives me much pleasure to state that the report for the Jurisdiction of New Jersey for the year 1917 shows very encouraging results. The year has been a most trying one to us as individuals as well as an Order and a nation, and yet in spite of so very many adverse conditions, we are able to record a gain in membership. While the increase is only a moderate one, yet when compared with last year's results it speaks volumes for the activity and consistent work of the administrative forces of the past year; and the well-known aggressiveness and devotion to the cause, of the new administration, ushered into power on May 7 last, gives promise of a bright and prosperous future."

Eva D. Van Dusen, Secretary: "I am glad to report for the Rebekah lodges of this Jurisdiction a fairly prosperous condition. The returns for 1917 give an increase in members, and one new lodge was instituted in April, 1918, with a large membership. The affairs of our Home for the orphans of Odd Fellows are progressing in a manner that is most satisfactory to the members of the Order in the Jurisdiction."

NEW MEXICO.—Frank Talmage, Jr., Grand Secretary: "The Order in this Jurisdiction at this time is in a prosperous condition, especially so considering the condition of the country at this time. I expect our July report to show a nice increase for the term and everything is working along harmoniously. This Jurisdiction has sent more than its share into the service of our country and our Grand Lodge has provided for the dues of members while so engaged."

C. A. Doty, Grand Scribe: "This Jurisdiction made a gain in membership during 1917. The larger encampments are showing considerable interest in the work and I look for a gain in membership this term."

NEW YORK.—Harry Walker, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "While the advance in our subordinate lodges has not reached the gratifying figures of 1916, which were well over three thousand, an increase of 1872 for 1917, considered in the light of conditions during the critical twelve months it embraces, is far from unsatisfactory. It was accomplished by earnest and untiring effort by our Grand Officers, for certain it is that recent gains are the fruits of solicitous attention

to every detail of service by our Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs during the past few years. Our Jurisdiction has been singularly fortunate in administrations of all branches of our Order since the opening of the world war created a situation calling for unusual consideration and action. My last report on the Patriarchal branch showed a pause in our previous losses and an advance of two. From this I argued that cessation from uneasiness caused by constant agitation for change would help the encampments to a forward move. I am happy to report that the forecast has been confirmed by a gain of 352 for 1917. In all patriotic activities instituted during the year our Order has taken an enthusiastic part, subscribed liberally to bond issues, responding readily to every requisition and obeying cheerfully the government's injunctions and directions. I can assert that so far as my observation has extended every lodge meeting is a center of patriotism and loyalty. Although to-day war is the business of the land, and all hearts and hopes are hanging on its progress, the deep forces of Odd Fellowship are full of silent life that shall, I trust, lead the world some day in its quest of universal brotherhood.

"Enclosed herewith find annual report of the Grand Encampment of New York, and I know that you will note with pleasure that it shows a gain of 352 for the year. It is very gratifying to be able to show a substantial gain at this time when we might expect a loss owing to the present conditions which are not conducive to increase in lodge or encampment membership."

Agnes E. Rogers, Secretary: "The Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship in the State of New York continues to prosper and grow, showing a gain in membership. Practically every lodge is engaged in patriotic work in some form, mostly working with the Red Cross. Subscriptions to Liberty Bonds by lodges have been numerous. A Rebekah service calendar was started at the Assembly, the proceeds to be used for war service. A special committee was appointed to act in conjunction with like committee from the Grand Lodge. Work for the Homes continues. The report presented by our President is a document worthy the times and should prove an inspiration to all who may read it. Like many other Jurisdictions our watchword is 'service.'"

North Carolina.—John D. Berry, Grand Secretary: "It is a source of sincere regret to me that my first report as Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction of North Carolina shows the largest net loss ever reported from our Jurisdiction. I shall not attempt to explain why this is true, or even to give my views on this subject. It seems that I am a victim of unfortunate circumstances, but I am not despondent nor pessimistic. Methinks I can see the silver lining of the cloud that has been hanging over North Carolina for several years past, and we are looking forward with ardent joy to the dawn of a brighter day for Odd Fellowship in North Carolina. Though our ranks have been materially thinned, we still have about 12,000 true and loyal members, and we have started out in this good year 1918 with that determination which shall mean success to our cause. We feel embarrassed that such a great State as ours has such a small membership in our great fraternity, and we are determined that we shall enlist many more thousands in the cause we have espoused. When all things have been considered we still have many things for which to be grateful, and we are pressing onward and upward, under the leadership of some of our bravest and best leaders of the 'three-link' army."

Pattie E. Beck, Secretary: "The Rebekahs of North Carolina are holding their own. While our gain the past year was not what we desired, we had a small gain. We consider our work the past year, under the present trying conditions, very fair. Our principal work was furnishing the beds in the Home with new springs and mattresses. We also raised a nice little fund to be used toward the purchasing of a band for the Home, besides helping the Home in various ways; 40 per cent of our per capita tax goes to the Home annually. Am glad to say, our Home is in splendid condition. Our new work for the coming year has not been definitely decided upon, but we have an earnest worker in our President, Mrs. Mabel Garrison, of Wilmington, and we confidently expect a good year's work."

North Dakota.—Don. McDonald, Grand Secretary: "Conditions in the Order in North Dakota are in quite a satisfactory way. A good many of our lodges have had as high as 10 per cent or over of their membership enter the service of the country. So many young men going to the front has interfered with the gathering of new members, but at that we show a gain of three in the number of lodges and 220 in membership. We have been successful in reviving two lodges that have been dormant for some time. General interest has been taken in the calls from the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A., and our membership has been ready to respond to all suggestions regarding food conservation. Our Home Fund has grown satisfactorily and we now have $55,000.00 in the fund."

D. W. Burrill, Secretary: "North Dakota Rebekah Odd Fellowship shows a gain of 54 members during the term ending December 31, 1917. The enthusiasm with which all Rebekahs have given of their time, money, services and talents to aid the noble Red Cross cause has been very gratifying. Their loyalty along the lines of food conservation is also worthy of note. We have been unable to institute any new lodges during this term, but three dormant lodges were reinstated and are now in a fair way to handle their work. We have 86 Rebekah lodges, active and in good standing, and in which harmony and good will seem to prevail. The present national condition seems to bind the fraternal cloak more closely around our membership. Our district meetings, held during each year throughout the State, are meeting with great success. Our donation towards our I. O. O. F. Home, which we hope to erect in the near future, have been small this year, perhaps because all have felt the call to give of our funds to aid our country."

Ohio.—C. H. Lyman, Grand Secretary: "The condition of the Order in Ohio while not bad has been a little 'off' during the past year, in some respects at least. We have had a little gain in membership, but have lost in the number of lodges. We instituted only two new lodges and five have become defunct, making a net loss of three. This is not a great loss, to be sure, but it has been many years since we were compelled to report such a record. Our net gain in membership was 627, one lodge at Toledo initiating 240, and, another, in the same city, initiated 197, and from every indication we will do better the coming year, even with the war as a handicap. We are pleased to report that our membership has responded nobly to the call for both men and money to win the war."

Emma M. Bell, Secretary: "I am pleased to report the Order in Ohio in excellent condition and while we must report the loss of five lodges during the year, we can still report a gain in membership of 837.

Although there were but three new lodges instituted during the year, a number of dormant lodges have become active again, and many weak lodges taken on new life. Sixty-nine schools of instruction were held during the year, all of which the President and Secretary of the Assembly attended; these meetings have been most profitable and have been the means of creating greater interest and enthusiasm in the districts. We have just closed a most successful session of the Assembly, at Springfield, where our Home is located, and where the officers of the Assembly dedicated the hospital and nursery, thus seeing the work of the past years realized. We are justly proud of our work and will go forward to another year's work with a firm determination to make this the best year our Order has ever known. May we neither fail or falter in the good work."

Oklahoma.—G. W. Bruce, Grand Secretary: "Oklahoma takes great pleasure in advising that during the year 1917 we had a good healthy gain in membership, and there is no question but what the year 1918 will be one of the banner years for the Order in this State and we are expecting great things."

H. A. Herwig, Grand Scribe: "Because of a larger loss on account of defunct encampments in 1917, the net gain in membership was not so large as in the previous year, but conditions are better, more degrees were conferred, a larger amount was collected in fees and dues, running expenses were less, there is more cash in the treasuries, and other assets, a good part of which is in Liberty Bonds, have increased over $2,000.00. The finances of the Grand Encampment are also in a more healthy condition.

Martha E. Reger, Secretary: "I am pleased to report the Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship in Oklahoma in a very good condition. My annual report shows a net gain in 1917 of 691 members. Five new lodges have been instituted and one charter surrendered to this date. Our President has made no special effort to institute lodges this year as she felt under conditions it was better to build up those we have. The schools of instruction have been well attended and good interest shown. Many of our lodges have organized Red Cross units and are doing good work in that, as well as keeping up the work of our lodges. The lodges have responded promptly to the circular and bulletin on food conservation sent through this office, and have complied with all requests. Our Rebekahs manifest great interest in our Homes, and we hope to continue to do this great work while we are doing our part in winning the war."

Ontario.—Wm. Brooks, Grand Secretary: "While the strength and influence of Odd Fellowship must necessarily depend very largely upon the character and individuality of its members, it is gratifying to note that, numerically and financially, gains have been made during the year 1917. A careful comparison of our statements for last year with those of former years will reveal the fact that the condition of the Order in Ontario is healthy and encouraging. No new lodges have been instituted during the year, and at this time none are in prospect of organization. Generally, our lodges are in good working condition and may be relied upon to come safely through present trying conditions."

John A. Macdonald, Grand Scribe: "It is very gatifying to me to be able to report a substantial increase in membership during the past year,

notwithstanding war conditions, and from present indications the year 1918 will prove far more productive, as we have inaugurated a revival campaign among the patriarchs of this Jurisdiction that promises to have a most powerful effect in electrifying the members of the Encampment branch and encourage them to still greater effort. Watch Ontario go 'over the top.'"

Violet Pearce, Secretary: "The work still forges ahead, and ten new lodges have been added to our numbers in as many months. The members generally are interesting themselves in work for the soldiers' comforts, and Red Cross and patriotic work, and keep the dues of the 'boys' up to date. Every month hundreds of boxes go overseas to cheer up the hearts of our 'Rebekah boys.' Nearly 500 new members have joined us in the last term and we hope for a continuation of the past success."

OREGON.—E. E. Sharon, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "Some 300 of our boys have already gone to the war; our lodges have subscribed liberally for Liberty Bonds; made donations to the Red Cross, and practice food conservation to the extreme limit. Prospects bid fair to excel the record of last year. When Oregon does anything, let all the rest of the world sit up and take notice.

"Find annual report of the Grand Encampment of Oregon for 1917, showing a net loss of 85 and total membership of 4050. I am unable to account for the loss except lack of interest in a number of encampments. We hope for better things this year, but make no promises."

Ora Cosper, Secretary: "It is great pleasure to report that the State of Oregon has 'gone over the top,' along fraternal lines, this year. The Rebekah branch instituted two new lodges, made a gain in membership of 756 and closes a very prosperous year with a membership of 18,348. The Rebekahs and Odd Fellows have built an addition to our Home, costing over $26,000.00, which has been completely equipped and furnished, besides our lodges all over the State, have contributed to the many calls made by our country."

PENNSYLVANIA.—Edwin L. Ritter, Grand Scribe: "The Encampment branch of Odd Fellowship in Pennsylvania is in a good condition. There seems to be a general recognition of the fact that at this critical time in the world's history every effort toward the uplift of humanity should be strengthened by united action. While our gain in membership may not be as large as last year, the reports show there is an upward tendency as most of the encampments are working earnestly to that end."

Hattie Mendel Ritter, Secretary: "The work of the Rebekah branch in Pennsylvania is progressing very satisfactorily, considering the depressed condition of the country, and the work our sisters are giving to the Red Cross. The reports show a small net gain. Our suspension list was much less, which is very encouraging; we have 116 lodges on the honor roll this year as having taken in ten or more members and 102 lodges as having not suspended one member. We have just closed a delightful and successful Assembly session, and feel that the past year's work of the President, Sister Martha R. Parry, will result in much good. Eleven new lodges were instituted last year. From all reports there seems to be a renewed interest throughout the Jurisdiction."

QUEBEC.—W. Kennedy, Grand Scribe: "I regret again to report a slight decrease in membership for the past year, due, as indicated in previous report, to the unfortunate conditions under which we are at present laboring. Reports received up to date indicate that there is some revival of interest, which we trust will enable us to report an increase for the present year."

Elizabeth Spencer, Secretary: "We have just closed a most profitable and harmonious year. Although our country is in the midst of war, we have been following our watchword for the past year: 'peace and harmony.' Owing to the existing conditions our growth has not been large, nevertheless we have a gain in membership. We have been doing patriotic and Red Cross work to the limit of our time in all our lodges. We pay the dues of all the brothers who belong to the Rebekah branch and are serving their king and country and the Assembly has invested a neat little sum in 'War Loan Bonds.' We are small in numbers, but our members are energetic workers."

RHODE ISLAND.—Kirtland H. Wilson, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "It is a pleasure to report all branches of the Order in this Jurisdiction in a prosperous condition. While our gain in the subordinate lodges for 1917 was not as large as that of 1916, it is, however, a good showing when we consider that more than four hundred of our most active members are in the service of our country. Every member in this State has been assessed one dollar each for the purpose of creating an Odd Fellow Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Fund from which we are paying the dues and benefits of all members in the service.

"Our encampments are all alive and doing good work. On May 21 we are to institute a new encampment at Anthony, with a charter membership of nearly sixty."

SASKATCHEWAN.—Geo. M. Baird, Grand Secretary: "Despite the discouraging conditions which exist, the Jurisdiction has made a net gain of 399 for the year 1917, even a slightly better record than that of the previous year. During the year 10 new lodges were instituted, which, with the charters withdrawn, leaves 149 lodges on the roll. No effort has been put forth by the Grand Lodge to augment the number of lodges which we have, believing it best to conserve our forces to aid and assist those we already have. While there are a number of the lodges which are not very active, but are striving to hold out and keep the lodge fires burning until the boys come home, thus protecting the membership of the brothers who are protecting our homes, yet many of the older lodges have taken on a new lease of life during the year and made splendid gains, 36 making a net increase of from 10 to 30 per cent in their membership, 9 from 30 to 50 per cent, and 5 made over 50 per cent. The Grand Lodge passed legislation in 1917 making it obligatory for lodges to assess their unenlisted members $1.00 a year, beginning from January 1, 1917, to be remitted the Grand Lodge for the Patriotic Fund with their per capita tax, for the payment of the dues of all brothers enlisted who were in good standing. The assessment system has proven the only method to maintain the fund, as after all dues have been remitted to the lodges to June 30, 1918, there stands to its credit over $6,000.00, while under the voluntary system could not get sufficient to keep it going."

N. B. McInnis, Grand Scribe: "I am pleased to report a gain of 121 members in the Encampment branch, this indicates that the patriarchs

are alive and endeavoring to keep the ranks depleted by the war filled up. So many of our Jurisdictions attribute their losses to war conditions, perhaps it would be in order for me to attribute our success to the same source. While this may not appear logical, the fact remains, that the more we are asked to sacrifice, contribute, produce and conserve, the more we are brought to realize that man does not live to himself, but that he owes a duty to his fellow man; our inactive members are thus aroused to action and are directing their energies into any channel where they may be of assistance and where they can accomplish the most good."

Gertrude Anderson, Secretary: "We are delighted to report that in spite of the unfavorable conditions, owing to this terrible war in which our country and yours is engaged at this time, the Rebekah branch of the order in Saskatchewan is still in a flourishing condition. All our funds are in good condition and the different lodges are responding nobly to the call for our Patriotic Fund and sending in donations both large and small. Our Orphans' Home Fund is also receiving good donations from all the lodges, and we hope when the time comes that we need a Home in this Province we will be in a position to help the brothers in a substantial way. We have had the pleasure of instituting six lodges this year, all of which are doing good work and adding to their membership. Prospects are bright for further institutions, several inquiries having been received asking for information as to the necessary steps in connection with institutions."

South Carolina.—S. F. Killingsworth, Grand Secretary: "The Order in South Carolina has held its own, which speaks well for the Order in these trying times. Our Grand Lodge passed the necessary laws to prevent suspension during the period of the war."

F. C. Perry, Grand Scribe: "Our little band of patriarchs are struggling along to keep our ranks filled. We show a loss, yet our reports under the existing circumstances indicate that we will again in the near future gain the loss we have sustained."

South Dakota.—Harvey J. Rice, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "I am pleased to say that our subordinate lodges are in a healthy condition with a few exceptions. Our gain last year did not come up to our expectations, owing no doubt to the unsettled conditions and the war cloud, but our small net increase of 494 is far better than a loss, which shows that Odd Fellowship is alive in South Dakota. Our Home is in fine shape and the pride of our entire membership. We are taking care of our enlisted members' dues and benefits. Have raised a fund of over nine thousand dollars for that purpose.

"Our encampments show a small gain for the year, most of them are alive and prospering, one new encampment instituted.

"Most of the Rebekah lodges are up and doing, although the gain fell below our hopes. Yet we have passed the ten thousand mark. They are all doing their 'bit' in Red Cross work and along that line."

Tennessee.—J. R. Harwell, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "Many of our lodges in Tennessee did well the past year, but a large number failed in this respect. The falling off was large, but it is encouraging to note that it was not as large as the year before. It is hoped the reports for 1918 will make a better showing.

"A few of our encampments in Tennessee did good work the past year, but the bulk of them barely held their own. We look for improvement this year."

TEXAS.—W. H. Walker, Grand Secretary: "If it were possible to wait a matter of four to five weeks, I could give you definite information as to the standing of Odd Fellowship in Texas. However, while we are surrounded by some uncertainty because of our connection with the great war in Europe, it reasonably appears that a great number of our lodges are unusually active and constantly adding to their membership. It so happens that many of the initiates are young men who are being called to the colors, but who desire to become connected with the Order before their departure. Many of these boys will return to us some day crowned with the laurels of true, patriotic, American soldiers. Some of them may never return. Texas Odd Fellowship is endeavoring to keep a record of all soldier Odd Fellows and soldiers, sons of Odd Fellows. We believe the work we are doing in this line has something to do with the progress and activities of a number of our lodges. Last year gave us a net gain in membership; we are hopeful that this year will do more than last year did."

E. Q. Vestal, Grand Scribe: "The general condition of the Encampment branch is good and continues to improve. The Grand Officers have not tried to make a record by instituting a large number of encampments, but have put forth their efforts in keeping those already on the rolls in good working condition. A number of the encampments have doubled their membership during the past year and one encampment has received practically two hundred members since July, 1917. Encampments in this Jurisdiction are adopting the 'open-house' plan. They have open meetings and invite all subordinate lodge members within the county to meet with them at which time a general social meeting is had and a number of short talks made in behalf of the Encampment branch and all of these meetings result in much good. It is hoped to have the smallest suspension list in the history of the Grand Encampment of Texas for the term ending June 30, 1918."

J. D. Alexander, Secretary: "In spite of the high cost of living, and the consequent strenuous struggle for existence among the people of ordinary means and occupations, Rebekah Odd Fellowship in Texas has lived above it all and still waves the banner of prosperity aloof from every struggle with which the whole world has had to combat. The great Red Cross drive in all countries has been sustained in many ways by the willing workers of this band of noble women, and their aid has proven a great inspiration to those not engaged in such work to work harder for the uplift of suffering humanity. The annual report of the Secretary showed the Order in good condition with plenty of funds to meet all expenses of the Order. Many of 'our boys' have been called to the colors, but each one goes wearing the identification tag of the Order with the duplicate number in the office of the Grand Secretary; only three have been returned. Surely God takes care of His own. Your humble servant has given her only boy to the colors, he went with the triple links surrounding his neck. Well we know he will be cared for under the banner of friendship, love and truth, and the Nation's flag for his protection."

UTAH.—Peter A. Simpkin, Grand Secretary: "At the close of another quiet but busy year it is a pleasure to submit the report of this office which, being largely made up of figures, is still most interesting, as it reveals the real work and progress of the Order in such large measure. Our membership shows little change in its annual total, for since the opening of the great war we have had little net advance. The faithful work of the Grand Masters has counted, however, and this year, 1918, began with a remarkable revival in almost all our lodges, and since the opening of the term large numbers of initiates have been received."

Clara I. Moore, Secretary: "A glance at our tabulated report reveals a slight increase in membership over 1916, which to us, under the trying conditions everywhere at the present time, is gratifying. Considering the conditions on every hand, due to the war, I am convinced we should not complain. Generally speaking, the lodges denote activity, and many are reporting a gain in members; no new lodges have been instituted during the year, though we are anticipating one or more in the very near future. We are hopeful and ever striving to attain our hearts desire—2000 active members."

VERMONT.—Frank W. Jackson, Grand Secretary: "The seventy-second annual session of the Grand Lodge was held in the city of Barre, May 16, and proved to be both pleasant and profitable. While the attendance was not as large as at some former sessions, the spirit of Odd Fellowship was manifested by all present. We were honored by having as our guest, Bro. Henry V. Borst, Deputy Grand Sire, and his words of wisdom and encouragement were much appreciated by the officers and members. Our membership remains practically the same as last year. With new inspiration received from the Deputy Grand Sire, the prospects for Odd Fellowship in the Green Mountain State for the coming year are indeed bright. We are doing our bit for our soldier members who have gone from us to take part in the terrible conflict and are praying for their safe return."

Gerry F. Walker, Grand Scribe: "Patriarchal Odd Fellowship has suffered a small loss in this Jurisdiction during the past year. The world war is being felt by us severely as many of our most enthusiastic workers are with the colors, but while they are gone, those of us who remain here will pledge ourselves, not only to support our brothers who are fighting our battles for us, but also will keep the banner of Odd Fellowship in front rank of the civil life as well."

Emma H. Gates, Secretary: "The Rebekah branch of our Order in Vermont is working steadily onward for the advancement of the principles for which it stands. Though we are unable to report a net increase in membership the past year, we feel that our strength is not weakened. Our annual session was held in the city of Barre, May 17, 1918, and the attendance and interest manifested were inspiring. In these times of sorrow and conflict the usual activities naturally take a different trend, but we believe that whatever noble impulses are put forth or sacrifices made, the true spirit of fraternity underlies them all and therefore we should keep the hearthfires of our Order burning brightly that they may warm the hearts of our brothers 'over there.'"

VIRGINIA.—E. P. Turner, Grand Secretary: "For some years the Jurisdiction of Virginia labored under the burden of the indiscriminate

use of the club plan. Large numbers were admitted without that investigation which should pertain with every applicant, hence many undesirables were enrolled on our lodge rosters, many only for a season. We hope this source of depletion is exhausted. With the addition of a desirable personnel, we feel that we are pressing forward. 1916 showed a smaller decrease than the previous year, and in 1917 we started on the upward grade with a small gain. We realize the extraordinary condition of things in general, the many seemingly insurmountable obstacles in our path, and the part Odd Fellowship is playing in the great world's drama; yet we are hopeful and trust to at least hold our own during these days which try men's souls. Our new Grand Master is earnest, zealous, full of energy and determination, and will give a good account of his year's work. Our Orphans' Home, the crowning glory of Virginia Odd Fellowship, is the pride of every brother and sister. To our Rebekah sisters is largely due credit for its splendid success. Fourteen of our boys are in the service of their country, two of them as lieutenants. While a large number are being called to serve their country who might have joined our ranks, we have still a field to garner in at home. We are making a special effort to reclaim many of the large number of those, who, for some cause or another, have dropped by the wayside. We are looking forward to hard work and trust that success will be ours."

E. M. Bunch, Grand Scribe: "While our annual report for 1917 shows a loss and we have a large number of delinquent encampments of small membership, yet prospects for 1918 appear most propitious. All the larger encampments seem to have taken on new life with the new year and several large classes have been introduced, which, together with prospects of institution of new encampments, indicate that 1918 will show a decided gain. A great deal of interest is being shown in degree work and several good teams are being organized."

Ola L. Bunch, Secretary: "The year 1917 was the best year in several years past for the Rebekah branch in this State. Our report shows a material gain in net membership and, best of all, our suspensions were reduced by half. Activity in all the lodges has brought about this result, together with raising the largest amount yet raised in a single year for our Chapel Fund. Prospects for continued growth seem very good, indeed, and we hope in 1918 to raise the final payment on our $15,000 chapel and school at our Home and take up another proposition for the good of that institution."

WASHINGTON.—F. W. Bier, Grand Secretary: "I am very much pleased and gratified to be able to report a gain in this Jurisdiction of 414. It is only fair to state, however, that we received 197 of this number from three Alaska lodges transferred, leaving a net gain of 217 for the year 1917. This, I think, is doing finely when we consider the loss of 983 in 1915 and the 'stand off' in 1916. Harmony and unity prevail in all our lodges and the prospect of a better gain for 1918 is very good indeed."

George R. Chamberlin, Grand Scribe: "I regret to report a loss of 16 members for year ending December 31, 1917. This small loss is due to lack of interest, caused by the more serious problems of the times, I take it. However, the year 1918 has begun with very bright prospects, the camps have awakened and things are humming."

Nellie M. Knoff, Secretary: "I am glad to be able to report that the Rebekah branch of our Order has flourished in proportion to former

years. Through the untiring efforts of our officers, and the loyal members, we are pleased to report we made a net gain last year of 627. We have 267 lodges, and a membership of 22,649. Nine lodges were instituted during the year. The service which our President gave was most satisfactory and efficient. Since January 1 our Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home Fund, invested $10,000.00 in Liberty Bonds, and $1,000.00 in War Saving Stamps. This, with previous investments, makes a splendid total of nearly $17,000.00 invested in Liberty Bonds. The assets of our Orphans' Home Fund, is over $34,000.00. Special effort is being made to lessen the suspensions for non-payment of dues. The beautiful spirit of giving freely to our Home was again demonstrated in many ways during the year, and we look for another prosperous year filled with work for our beloved Order, our country, and humanity."

West Virginia.—C. L. Simpson, Grand Scribe: "In making this report I do so with pardonable pride, as our showing this year has been better than for some years, though not what we would like to have it, but under the strained conditions of this 'world-wide war' we have done exceedingly well in the net gain of 189. We have just closed one of the most successful sessions of the Grand Encampment in our history, and enacted much needed legislation, and have arranged to take care of our patriarchs who are now, or who may hereafter, cross the waters and fight for our freedom in the trenches; we will do our bit to care for them. The outcome of this war will no doubt place Odd Fellowship on a higher plane than ever, as this great Order is in the fore-front in building up the army in France, and will in the end bring about a world-wide freedom and democracy."

Jennie W. Hutchison, Secretary: "It gives we much pleasure to report that the Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship in the Jurisdiction of West Virginia is in a prosperous condition. During the year ending October 1, 1917, ten new lodges were instituted and the annual report ending December 31, 1917, shows a net gain in membership of 683. Since the close of the books on October 1, 1917, five lodges have been instituted and the dispensation for the sixth has been issued. Many weak lodges have been strengthened by the official visits of the President, Vice-President and Warden, who gave the greater part of their time in giving them the help and encouragement they so much needed. At the last session of the Assembly in October, 1917, $2000 was invested in Liberty Bonds and the reports from the different lodges show that they too have responded liberally to this fund. A large number of our lodges have formed societies and are doing Red Cross work. It is very gratifying to know that the true spirit of patriotism prevails in our Order and that we shall be instrumental in the winning of this great world war for democracy. Our Home, under the able supervision of Sister Gertrude Steele Nicols (Mother Nicols) and her able corps of assistants, is accomplishing the work for which it was established. Our boys and girls are being educated under the best of Christian influence. The Rebekahs are now raising a fund for the musical education of those of our boys and girls who have a talent in that line."

Wisconsin.—Richard Hoe, Grand Secretary: "I regret very much that our gain in membership is not larger. These are trying times, but with so many of our young men entering the service of their country, others working for Liberty Bond and Red Cross issues, we really should be thankful that we have done as well as we have."

Jas. A. Fathers, Grand Scribe: "We have made only a slight gain in membership; I had cherished the hope that the gain this year would be larger, but taking a retrospective view of the situation that has developed in the past year, I feel that possibly we have done fairly well in 'holding our own.' War-time measures and activities have occupied our time and thoughts and have drawn largely upon our energies, which under more peaceful times would have been directed into fraternal channels, and a consequent increase in our membership. The path is open for us to retax our energies and submit to many a sacrifice to win this war and win it quick, we must be united and 'up and doing' every moment of the time, so that the thought or question: 'Did we do all that we could to gain or win this great conflict?' may never enter our minds in afterthought. We as a fraternity should deem it a pleasure and a privilege to be 'in the service' in whatever capacity we are best able to fill and endure, during the period of the war, to the end that when peace is proclaimed, we may honestly maintain that we did 'our bit.'"

Emoroy Perry, Secretary: "I am glad to report that the Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship in Wisconsin still continues to prosper, although we did not have as large a gain in membership as was desired, we did have a net gain of 90. We are not as strong as some of our sister Jurisdictions, but steadily increase each year. Our work under the present trying conditions is very gratifying. I believe our lodges are stronger and more united because we have done 'our bit,' not only for our Order, but for our loved country in her time of adversity. We have just closed a delightful Assembly session held in the new Odd Fellows' Temple, in the city of Milwaukee. The silver offering for the Home Fund at this time was $300.45, making a total of $5,459.00 Our Home at Green Bay is the pride of every true and loyal Odd Fellow and Rebekah in this Jurisdiction."

Wyoming.—Thomas Cottle, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe: "I am pleased to be able to report a slight gain in membership for the past year, although it is not large, I think that we have done remarkably well under the existing conditions of this great and terrible war. I am sorry that I cannot report the institution of a new lodge or lodges, during the period mentioned, but such is the case. All of the lodges, with the exception of one or two, have shown slight gains in membership which is somewhat encouraging to the Grand Officers. I hope that we will be able to show a larger gain during the coming year.

"The Encampment branch of the Order in this Jurisdiction is just holding its own, it seems an up-hill pull all of the time with no rest to keep it going. I hope that we will be able to show a better condition of this branch sometime later, as at times it does seem very discouraging. I am sorry that I cannot report the institution of a new encampment, but such is the case at this writing."

Emma R. Sturgeon, Secretary: "Am sorry to report that the condition of the Rebekah branch of the Order throughout Wyoming is not very encouraging. There seems to be a lack of interest, but I rather think it is due to so much Red Cross or war work generally. We have a small gain in membership, but have lost a great many for various reasons. Have instituted two new lodges and consolidated two the past year."

OVER SEA JURISDICTIONS.

AUSTRALASIA.—J. C. Smith, Grand Secretary, under date of June 5, 1918, writes: "I am enclosing herewith my reports for 1917, and am hopeful that they may reach you in good time for inclusion in your report to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its session in St. Louis, Missouri, next September.

"I regret to say that my anticipations at date of last report, of a further decrease in membership, have been realized, although not quite so great as expected. Enlistments for the army have been less than in the previous years of the war, but just lately special efforts have been made to keep up the strength of our divisions at the front and increased numbers are joining up. This will mean a further depletion of our lodge membership, particularly of the young men, and a further burden on the lodges to keep the dues of the fighting men fully paid up. Although the number of enlistments from the I. O. O. F. is now within measurable distance of 6000, the duty of providing the necessary funds to pay the dues of this large number, has been cheerfully accepted, and no murmur of dissent has been heard. The sisters of Rebekah are in line with their brethren in the subordinate lodges, and by means of working bees are making large quantities of useful comforts for the boys at the front.

"The Executive of the Grand Lodge of Australasia, at its meeting in November last, decided to further postpone the triennial session until 1919, and a majority of our subordinate Grand Lodges have asked that it be postponed until the war is over. From present appearances, it looks as if that might be decided on.

"To Grand Sire Goudy, we send heartfelt greetings, and our warmest appreciation of the great and laborious work that he has carried on during the past year, and we earnestly pray that the coming session may be, for him, his officers and the representatives assembled thereat, a glorious fraternal demonstration."

SWEDEN.—Fred. Geijer, Grand Secretary, under date of April 27, 1918, writes: "As you will find, we have every reason to be satisfied with the result. It has been a year of record indeed. We have initiated not less than 1085 persons in the Order and had very few dropped for non-payment of dues, the net increase in membership for the year being 963. Our capital has increased more the $50,000. The prospects for the coming year also are good. Next month we are going to institute our 68th lodge and as yet no Swedish lodge has abandoned its charter."

Statistical.

ANNUAL REPORTS *of Grand Lodges to The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the year ending December 31st,* 1917.

JURISDICTIONS.	Lodges.	Members, December 31, 1916.	ADD.				Total.	DEDUCT.						Members, December 31, 1917.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.		Error in last report.	Withdrawn by card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	
*Alabama	442	18,386	....	....	....	....	18,386	....	....	....	....	....	....	18,386
Alberta	110	7,499	....	711	177	56	8,443	....	228	438	2	85	753	7,690
Arizona	26	2,171	....	248	83	24	2,526	....	40	129	1	21	191	2,335
Arkansas	530	21,342	....	654	408	388	32,792	....	313	2,981	14	145	3,453	19,339
British Columbia	57	6,385	....	314	61	40	6,800	3	56	341	1	96	497	6,303
California	400	44,276	....	2,325	497	268	47,366	....	454	1,586	14	719	2,773	44,593
Colorado	176	14,066	55	953	333	118	15,525	61	184	648	2	182	1,077	14,448
Connecticut	91	25,282	6	1,426	99	24	26,837	23	135	476	7	345	986	25,851
Delaware	33	4,092	....	506	12	12	4,622	....	13	165	....	55	233	4,389
District of Columbia	18	1,851	....	62	28	8	1,949	....	18	96	....	30	144	1,805
Florida	78	4,214	....	460	151	71	4,896	....	57	388	5	36	486	4,410
Georgia	489	23,420	....	1,202	511	948	26,081	611	364	2,764	19	171	3,929	22,152
Idaho	135	7,614	55	439	246	89	8,443	33	155	448	3	79	723	7,720
Illinois	992	106,694	....	6,748	956	650	115,048	....	933	4,007	57	1,135	6,132	108,916
Indiana	748	84,666	....	4,025	890	569	90,150	...	782	3,308	40	1,095	5,225	84,925
Iowa	682	60,185	....	3,578	1,091	435	65,289	146	1,079	2,293	26	673	4,217	61,072
Kansas	564	49,836	26	3,525	810	447	54,644	..	877	2,672	15	539	4,103	50,541
Kentucky	377	25,748	....	1,762	279	414	28,203	109	318	2,111	32	244	2,814	25,389
Louisiana	81	3,412	10	207	91	54	3,774	14	87	686	1	19	807	2,967
Maine	154	26,452	....	1,080	78	31	27,641	....	109	509	3	451	1,072	26,569
Manitoba	93	9,730	....	344	66	44	10,184	....	108	422	4	144	678	9,506
Maritime Provinces	123	11,371	....	679	55	71	12,176	18	100	413	1	189	721	11,455
Maryland	133	15,684	13	1,428	115	74	17,314	49	120	826	8	206	1,209	16,105
Massachusetts	243	62,799	29	2,194	231	42	65,295	179	318	865	2	1,130	2,494	62,801
Michigan	538	68,928	....	5,511	1,124	451	76,014	7	790	3,063	13	781	4,654	71,360
Minnesota	249	24,778	....	1,324	355	154	26,611	114	370	1,016	12	263	1,775	24,836
Mississippi	51	2,400	13	91	75	30	2,609	10	62	446	1	33	552	2,057
Missouri	763	58,960	405	2,539	1,164	596	63,664	357	1,190	3,531	68	610	5,756	57,908
Montana	123	8,962	....	1,389	387	148	10,886	....	134	597	5	83	819	10,067

Nebraska	339	25,130	51	1,705	438	192	27,516	163	450	1,216	7	242	2,078	25,438
Nevada	31	1,866	2	140	47	6	2,061	....	29	102	....	26	157	1,904
New Hampshire	104	15,413	....	446	55	16	15,930	5	87	228	3	301	624	15,306
New Jersey	259	30,395	....	1,593	237	48	32,273	12	262	998	3	489	1,764	30,509
New Mexico	46	2,469	7	202	72	40	2,790	14	62	210	1	23	310	2,480
New York	935	132,563	....	8,257	1,352	543	142,715	20	1,553	4,839	25	1,843	8,280	134,435
North Carolina	230	13,274	82	406	145	296	14,203	78	198	2,132	7	91	2,506	11,697
North Dakota	148	7,705	....	736	161	121	8,723	....	148	559	14	59	780	7,943
Ohio	752	91,533	....	4,872	1,045	306	97,756	....	911	3,333	27	1,325	5,596	92,160
Oklahoma	525	33,846	36	3,420	1,591	630	39,523	....	1,153	3,348	54	327	4,882	34,641
Ontario	402	53,978	30	3,110	349	142	57,609	247	446	1,657	7	598	2,955	54,654
Oregon	220	19,678	....	1,285	366	167	21,496	....	330	783	12	222	1,347	20,149
Pennsylvania	1,138	168,331	....	14,144	1,280	767	184,522	....	1,533	6,067	24	2,280	9,904	174,618
Quebec	62	5,889	....	339	21	14	6,263	....	45	212	....	68	325	5,938
Rhode Island	41	6,657	1	332	131	12	7,133	8	126	185	1	124	444	6,689
Saskatchewan	149	8,072	4	954	320	30	9,380	7	173	643	6	80	909	8,471
South Carolina	56	2,625	....	208	182	....	3,015	....	41	384	....	36	461	2,554
South Dakota	191	13,228	....	1,178	273	178	14,857	....	280	730	8	117	1,135	13,722
Tennessee	537	25,055	....	1,113	536	505	27,209	246	328	2,427	29	185	3,215	23,994
Texas	786	38,010	....	3,019	1,091	555	42,675	....	1,004	2,826	41	339	4,210	38,465
*Utah	48	3,211	....	....	....	....	3,211	....	....	....	....	....	....	3,211
Vermont	75	7,606	4	285	62	27	7,984	3	89	196	1	98	387	7,597
Virginia	411	27,205	....	1,749	284	353	29,591	....	297	2,416	8	236	2,957	26,634
Washington	391	26,499	14	1,469	669	213	28,864	37	376	1,299	8	231	1,951	26,913
West Virginia	394	30,791	....	2,229	359	303	33,682	....	327	1,680	30	259	2,296	31,386
Wisconsin	290	20,359	....	1,139	184	111	21,793	19	238	728	16	285	1,286	20,507
Wyoming	43	3,009	....	230	73	28	3,340	18	29	159	....	28	234	3,106
Totals	17,002	1,615,600	843	100,284	21,696	11,859	1,750,282	2,616	19,909	76,582	688	19,471	119,266	1,631,016
QUASI-INDEPENDENT JURISDICTIONS.														
Australasia	432	41,499	....	2,358	777	102	44,736	....	848	2,580	1	639	4,068	40,668
Denmark	44	4,177	....	366	90	6	4,639	....	97	23	....	77	197	4,442
Germany	107	6,502	....	....	....	....	6,502	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,502
*Netherlands	23	806	....	....	....	....	806	....	....	....	....	....	....	806
Sweden	67	8,054	....	1,085	97	4	9,240	....	112	32	....	79	223	9,017
Switzerland	7	626	....	54	....	....	680	....	11	....	2	6	19	661
Totals	680	61,664	....	3,863	964	112	66,603	....	1,068	2,635	3	801	4,507	62,096
Grand Totals	17,682	1,677,264	843	104,147	22,660	11,971	1,816,885	2,616	20,977	79,217	691	20,272	123,773	1,693,112

* Report for 1917 not received.

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JURISDICTIONS.	Brothers relieved.	Weeks' benefits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Paid for the relief of brothers.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.	Paid for the relief of orphans.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.
*Alabama	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alberta	308	1,875	89	85	$8,187 11	$2,433 65	.....	.....	$1,022 50	$1,320 04	$12,963 30
Arizona	126	1,112	....	23	6,221 05	.....	.....	.....	1,619 77	1,185 45	9,026 27
Arkansas	1,639	2,800	209	145	16,326 00	1,153 00	.....	.....	5,402 00	5,291 00	28,172 00
British Columbia	547	5,838	33	70	32,733 25	1,875 20	$15 00	$95 00	4,142 90	2,324 02	40,585 37
California	4,108	39,886	176	709	236,964 43	4,910 31	.....	.....	52,553 77	81,312 69	375,741 20
Colorado	1,149	9,272	47	147	30,748 79	2,184 90	.....	451 58	9,064 73	.....	42,450 00
Connecticut	3,002	27,750	37	358	78,341 80	1,320 58	96 50	.....	25,654 86	25,204 03	130,617 77
Delaware	368	4,012	....	49	11,627 25	535 67	.....	.....	5,705 00	565 70	18,433 62
District of Columbia	220	2,233	91	30	5,877 01	1,154 95	24 00	.....	2,980 50	414 26	10,450 72
Florida	175	.....	26	36	4,461 95	.....	.....	.....	2,137 20	1,094 20	7,693 35
Georgia	1,595	7,800	122	152	25,450 95	1,701 76	446 39	29 60	11,589 10	214 89	39,432 69
Idaho	488	3,612	26	69	14,044 51	1,119 81	27 18	.....	4,432 10	3,582 78	23,206 38
Illinois	7,794	53,621	233	1,135	178,607 51	4,142 60	1,172 76	44,000 00	91,021 57	70,906 07	389,850 51
Indiana	9,510	72,281	309	1,095	246,919 48	5,373 65	30,667 06	414 79	81,335 81	13,187 63	377,898 42
Iowa	3,030	24,013	18	673	67,124 25	622 73	.....	.....	28,924 65	5,927 17	102,598 80
Kansas	3,850	54,644	174	539	77,392 02	1,714 97	711 47	15,266 10	23,168 07	28,379 75	146,632 38
Kentucky	2,550	13,837	230	244	45,829 66	3,087 45	.....	.....	12,212 40	43,673 18	104,802 69
Louisiana	123	364	9	19	1,784 90	289 72	4,771 57	865 00	170 50	.....	7,881 69
Maine	2,547	30,907	41	451	65,556 58	954 97	.....	62 50	12,353 32	5,736 81	84,669 18
Manitoba	629	4,829	154	144	18,716 42	5,935 18	.....	.....	4,050 12	1,708 95	30,410 67
Maritime Provinces	754	7,019	20	112	14,138 04	400 05	75 00	.....	3,441 25	1,754 12	19,808 46
Maryland	1,381	7,909	52	206	32,598 50	3,698 69	92 00	.....	25,072 64	2,537 35	63,999 18
Massachusetts	5,654	70,980	241	979	171,441 37	3,235 57	239 14	.....	64,427 65	25,117 96	264,461 69
Michigan	3,765	31,123	126	781	90,141 99	2,143 78	.....	131 10	33,543 39	11,440 65	137,400 91
Minnesota	1,686	13,400	136	229	37,460 70	.....	1,648 73	.....	10,280 55	7,383 36	56,773 34
Mississippi	149	944	6	33	2,035 95	284 50	.....	19 00	1,015 20	.....	3,354 65
Missouri	4,345	29,966	874	574	72,795 11	23,904 06	12,740 14	.....	23,044 15	9,147 71	141,631 17
Montana	536	4,706	12	83	22,202 49	664 00	79 40	122 95	6,232 10	2,759 89	32,060 83
Nebraska	1,201	8,684	10	200	24,824 29	107 00	.....	10 00	8,365 80	5,690 31	38,997 40
Nevada	164	1,509	5	27	4,816 30	230 00	.....	10 00	1,475 60	860 15	7,442 05

New Hampshire	1,702	16,751	14	223	34,545 23	457 82	.....	.....	8,994 00	8,650 82	52,647 87
New Jersey	3,177	33,193	102	489	106,080 98	1,126 95	.....	689 78	52,937 91	4,915 04	165,750 66
New Mexico	146	912	7	21	3,264 20	442 00	.....	.....	1,265 00	1,364 40	6,335 60
New York	12,283	99,370	474	1,709	300,781 26	6,020 40	1,794 97	.....	161,186 04	5,445 94	475,228 61
North Carolina	900	4,136	24	48	10,649 30	1,154 22	15 00	.....	3,476 56	962 78	16,257 86
North Dakota	.....	1,597	....	41	5,475 73	330 00	1,076 26	.....	2,968 45	2,456 26	12,306 70
Ohio	8,123	74,072	807	1,325	203,830 93	5,966 22	.....	8,721 70	56,832 05	34,694 26	310,045 16
Oklahoma	2,308	10,485	241	257	33,016 50	3,800 52	1,311 79	38,347 93	16,784 89	13,521 29	106,782 92
Ontario	4,669	41,454	....	598	138,950 09	.....	33,131 00	.....	23,687 80	5,363 93	201,132 82
Oregon	1,679	12,576	22	222	48,659 70	667 44	15 00	57 00	12,982 23	40,320 13	102,701 50
Pennsylvania	19,002	172,510	476	2,280	552,088 77	3,812 12	.....	91,511 64	249,064 98	44,111 34	940,588 85
Quebec	463	4,184	51	68	14,806 14	5,565 26	.....	.....	2,239 00	727 09	23,337 49
Rhode Island	675	9,168	17	124	21,524 52	384 08	20 00	.....	6,490 00	9,412 30	37,830 90
Saskatchewan	374	1,796	55	22	7,878 55	1,378 40	.....	.....	.....	2,853 86	12,110 81
South Carolina	285	1,500	5	36	6,103 00	.....	2,450 00	.....	1,545 00	300 00	10,398 00
South Dakota	570	3,771	7	94	10,325 17	87 42	.....	.....	4,542 61	2,708 69	17,663 89
Tennessee	1,750	7,303	149	155	28,345 40	2,686 27	1,348 90	.....	8,375 15	3,186 49	43,942 21
Texas	2,108	9,850	33	347	30,060 17	5,596 25	.....	345 80	17,009 61	22,173 81	75,185 64
*Utah	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	467	4,619	4	79	11,494 07	65 00	.....	.....	3,448 01	1,183 76	16,190 84
Virginia	2,243	16,275	281	236	44,650 90	5,788 57	520 00	121 25	19,125 93	7,337 54	77,544 19
Washington	2,199	17,634	....	219	69,372 34	1,007 54	.....	.....	14,133 15	10,366 00	94,879 03
West Virginia	1,292	4,180	396	259	22,970 60	4,260 00	.....	.....	15,130 00	8,475 00	50,835 60
Wisconsin	1,018	7,605	23	285	18,225 11	497 22	.....	.....	12,995 86	1,047 84	32,766 03
Wyoming	254	1,810	23	28	6,443 85	454 80	20 00	.....	2,220 00	546 10	9,684 75
Totals	131,080	1,093,677	6,717	18,562	$3,374,312 17	$126,777 25	$94,509 26	$201,272 72	$1,253,878 43	$590,844 79	$5,641,594 62
QUASI-INDEPENDENT JURISDICTIONS.											
Australasia	5,672	53,011	25	599	$198,310 00	$1,075 00	$4,250 00	$410 00	$91,525 00	$635 00	$296,205 00
Denmark	....	.....	....	....	10,215 20	17,486 76	399 00	.....	.....	.....	28,100 96
*Germany	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Netherlands	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweden	283	2,652	175	75	12,370 24	7,660 56	1,351 35	.....	2,718 30	2,091 47	26,191 92
Switzerland	48	440	33	6	1,636 40	1,296 22	.....	256 00	84 00	1,079 57	4,352 19
Totals	6,003	56,103	233	680	$222,531 84	$27,518 54	$6,000 35	$666 00	$94,327 30	$3,806 04	$354,850 07
Grand Totals	137,083	1,149,780	6,950	19,242	$3,596,844 01	$154,295 79	$100,509 61	$201,938 72	$1,348,205 73	$594,650 83	$5,996,444 69

* Report for 1917 not received.

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LODGE RECEIPTS *from the following sources for the year ending December 31st, 1917.*

JURISDICTIONS.	Receipts for dues.	Receipts from admissions and degrees.	Receipts from rents and invested funds.	Receipts from all other sources.	Total Receipts.
*Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alberta	$51,992 53	$15,900 10	$16,264 45	$21,244 85	$105,401 93
Arizona	23,003 42	6,200 25	6,733 45	9,125 31	45,062 43
Arkansas	62,143 00	8,349 00	.....	12,634 00	83.126 00
British Columbia	66,403 25	8,203 75	34,059 88	1,628 42	110,295 30
California	517,984 98	63,323 87	204,589 67	27,933 12	813,831 64
Colorado	104,949 18	18,789 85	48,606 35	23,129 14	195,474 52
Connecticut	182,001 14	23,945 76	53,599 37	43,617 07	303,163 34
Delaware	.....	.....	.....	.....	63,392 38
District of Columbia	11,750 76	1,500 75	11,732 15	738 25	25,721 91
Florida	20,007 50	4,883 82	5,438 92	6,444 46	36,774 70
Georgia	74,151 48	8,695 96	8,283 76	7,687 65	98,818 85
Idaho	52,799 95	10,907 95	46,731 09	46,673 80	157,112 79
Illinois	538,193 00	121,593 84	233,557 97	101,302 76	994,647 57
Indiana	486,363 04	47,920 99	187,922 50	109,351 76	831,558 29
Iowa	252,026 60	61,477 59	198,988 02	101,761 49	614,253 70
Kansas	243,447 18	46,194 34	113,859 37	62,888 72	466,389 61
Kentucky	123,198 33	27,418 52	62,349 98	99,243 13	312,209 96
Louisiana	10,620 03	2,379 25	.....	6,503 67	19,502 95
Maine	114,881 38	23,085 25	53,524 57	15,457 76	206,948 96
Manitoba	64,160 91	7,514 20	20,325 59	12,596 77	104,597 47
Maritime Provinces	45,165 55	9,713 25	10,986 71	6,543 55	72,409 06
Maryland	98,046 21	7,207 21	18,982 84	30,646 76	154,883 02
Massachusetts	425,945 44	55,747 00	152,452 37	37,083 28	671,228 09
Michigan	285,900 26	87,021 46	.....	158,795 95	531,717 67
Minnesota	118,231 90	28,210 10	113,136 50	50,068 26	309,646 76
Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....	25,514 26
Missouri	273,531 10	40,745 40	116,005 01	89,835 36	520,116 57
Montana	74,085 76	28,112 70	40,516 32	27,123 79	169,838 87
Nebraska	104,688 50	31,290 00	65,973 69	74,365 61	276,317 80
Nevada	18,215 40	3,752 00	5,029 60	4,501 31	31,798 31
New Hampshire	82,552 57	9,565 50	22,571 10	8,826 37	123,515 54
New Jersey	242,386 53	17,202 07	72,022 14	16,769 38	348,380 12
New Mexico	13,427 52	3,260 75	5,281 45	7,527 91	29,497 63
New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,185,265 11
North Carolina	50,350 00	5,175 00	12,065 00	8,000 00	75,590 00
North Dakota	35,162 05	12,040 95	.....	34,698 88	81,901 88
Ohio	504,309 24	89,212 16	96,722 11	349,703 02	1,039,946 53
Oklahoma	167,274 63	45,163 75	31,265 78	53,539 57	297,243 73
Ontario	357,524 84	51,009 02	125,552 69	161,502 45	695,589 00
Oregon	146,936 62	23,823 20	87,833 81	31,540 56	290,134 19
Pennsylvania	1,371,538 86	102,983 91	340,868 17	134,208 57	1,949,599 51
Quebec	37,635 94	4,143 75	10,780 19	8,305 38	60,865 26
Rhode Island	46,267 79	7,897 90	23,694 07	26,125 36	103,985 12
Saskatchewan	52,143 80	21,434 59	8,021 94	18,935 70	100,536 03
South Carolina	13,356 00	1,664 00	274 00	298 00	15,592 00
South Dakota	59,601 32	19,140 60	40,053 61	5,021 99	123,817 52
Tennessee	97,296 93	12,150 02	10,588 56	7,697 37	127,732 88
Texas	197,602 37	47,010 21	.....	185,060 89	429,673 47
*Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	30,494 37	5,236 54	3,843 76	31,842 30	71,416 97
Virginia	136,356 88	15,447 16	20,246 68	24,909 56	196,960 28
Washington	192,711 93	36,998 15	.....	129,882 70	359,592 78
West Virginia	147,360 00	13,680 00	37,860 50	42,370 00	241,270 50
Wisconsin	79,550 69	18,700 89	71,207 68	38,567 93	208,027 19
Wyoming	19,438 56	5,525 10	.....	72,804 87	97,768 53
Totals	$8,525,167 22	$1,368,549 38	$2,850,403 37	$2,587,364 76	$16,605,656 48
QUASI-INDEPENDENT JURISDICTIONS.					
Australasia	$571,225 00	$3,280 00	$130,560 00	$184,985 00	$890,050 00
Denmark	56,223 63	.....	32,939 70	.....	89,163 33
*Germany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Netherlands	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweden	83,985 95	39,828 90	28,509 63	9,252 75	161,577 23
Switzerland	6,396 65	878 50	1,768 87	4,616 88	13,660 90
Totals	$717,831 23	$43,987 40	$193,778 20	$198,854 63	$1,154,451 46
Grand Totals	$9,242,998 45	$1,412,536 78	$3,044,181 57	$2,786,219 39	$17,760,107 94

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CURRENT EXPENSES AND INVESTED FUNDS *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges for the year ending December 31st, 1917.*

JURISDICTIONS.	CURRENT EXPENSES.		INVESTED FUNDS.	
	Subordinate Lodges.	Grand Lodges.	Subordinate Lodges.	Grand Lodges.
*Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alberta	$77,843 79	$9,141 95	$281,704 72	$23,470 99
Arizona	27,014 30	4,278 76	218,141 67	25,079 50
Arkansas	113,312 00	18,738 29	357,860 00	.....
British Columbia	40,194 39	5,820 93	983,724 31	.....
California	330,384 80	20,095 74	4,562,469 72	.....
Colorado	102,039 56	11,436 37	796,355 18	.....
Connecticut	126,415 30	6,625 67	1,016,698 79	4,565 17
Delaware	35,190 10	1,822 16	225,709 84	1,210 00
District of Columbia	12,528 94	1,011 66	105,952 12	4,772 32
Florida	8,546 42	3,034 07	120,214 46	26,000 00
Georgia	25,644 76	13,139 60	330,471 02	9,000 00
Idaho	135,646 68	10,095 36	710,738 59	90,281 04
Illinois	546,436 95	35,135 59	3,560,223 52	537,092 92
Indiana	208,195 89	37,941 68	4,520,705 80	774,390 00
Iowa	290,984 47	16,555 89	2,113,805 00	.....
Kansas	303,154 89	14,684 19	1,850,844 46	44,000 00
Kentucky	127,547 70	10,813 74	1,380,389 00	6,253 58
Louisiana	15,393 56	3,887 54	138,463 39	4,000 00
Maine	105,937 82	8,376 21	1,096,095 08	10,836 74
Manitoba	64,004 92	6,542 64	352,324 16	62,502 47
Maritime Provinces	33,363 25	3,955 87	130,955 40	11,895 04
Maryland	64,898 90	14,550 50	326,641 17	165,000 00
Massachusetts	355,241 26	12,554 70	2,890,417 87	44,057 20
Michigan	482,425 08	47,613 30	1,706,368 66	113,771 00
Minnesota	105,679 97	9,057 05	1,482,503 83	3,000 00
Mississippi	23,026 29	2,829 12	155,137 12	29,387 44
Missouri	547,982 72	18,798 91	2,580,148 65	339,694 38
Montana	73,562 36	9,380 00	468,058 10	12,500 00
Nebraska	148,247 08	15,144 96	1,043,784 21	.....
Nevada	18,576 03	2,447 82	74,919 43	832 00
New Hampshire	62,011 92	4,514 35	717,232 47	3,133 89
New Jersey	121,312 92	11,214 02	1,529,663 60	.....
New Mexico	11,794 39	2,616 65	21,012 21	1,000 00
New York	616,743 74	13,128 90	.....	.....
North Carolina	80,140 00	6,475 26	300,000 00	125,000 00
North Dakota	55,789 24	5,100 00	261,428 48	55,000 00
Ohio	577,398 98	19,083 23	3,153,804 45	135,000 00
Oklahoma	169,838 71	19,099 42	741,651 18	205,916 78
Ontario	238,618 59	25,831 13	2,556,463 56	19,347 27
Oregon	125,360 64	10,198 50	1,875,118 29	7,322 92
Pennsylvania	451,644 69	39,555 18	7,338,738 78	248,092 97
Quebec	23,756 63	3,351 48	252,135 72	5,405 16
Rhode Island	58,720 88	4,495 74	420,334 60	2,983 66
Saskatchewan	48,804 47	9,501 60	118,437 14	10,746 00
South Carolina	6,325 00	1,448 74	50,000 00	5,000 00
South Dakota	57,091 02	7,894 57	443,877 80	13,198 93
Tennessee	42,632 65	14,742 85	994,773 82	98,000 00
Texas	346,903 62	16,000 00	1,650,369 88	.....
*Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	27,594 24	3,517 59	135,187 18	9,059 93
Virginia	95,266 86	14,300 00	76,308 96	1,200 00
Washington	245,855 54	18,615 15	1,500,322 66	.....
West Virginia	64,390 50	13,475 00	94,600 00	164,000 00
Wisconsin	179,789 95	9,120 85	789,839 36	18,203 62
Wyoming	89,606 86	2,849 04	330,925 88	900 00
Totals	$8,346,752 22	$651.639 52	$60,934,051 29	$3,472,102 92
QUASI-INDEPENDENT JURISDICTIONS.				
Australasia	$292,240 00	$57,855 00	$358 440 00	$3,112,620 00
Denmark	40,496 00	4,242 43	504,498 06	16,926 18
*Germany	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Netherlands	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweden	70,280 72	6,274 59	648,175 49	21,552 28
Switzerland	10,266 17	527 30	58,624 76	18,669 73
Totals	$413,282 89	$68,899 32	$1,569,738 31	$3,169,768 19
Grand Totals	$8,760,035 11	$720,538 84	$62,503,789 60	$6,641,871 11

*Report for 1917 not received.

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ANNUAL REPORTS *of Subordinate Lodges to The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the year ending December 31st, 1917.*

LODGES.	LOCATIONS.	Members, Dec. 31, 1916.	ADD.			Total.	DEDUCT.					Members, Dec. 31, 1917.	Rate Grands
			Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.		Withdrawn by card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.		
ALASKA.													
*Nome.....No. 5	Nome.....	91	....	....	....	91	91	....	....	....	91	.....	..
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, S. A.													
†Buenos Aires.....No. 1	Buenos Aires ...	20	....	....	....	20	....	....	....	....	....	20	..
CUBA.													
†Cuba.....No. 3	Havana.....	25	....	....	....	25	....	....	....	....	....	25	..
†Havana.....No. 4	Havana.....	55	....	....	....	55	....	....	....	....	....	55	..
†Regla.....No. 6	Regla.....	26	....	....	....	26	....	....	....	....	....	26	..
†Hijos del Trabajos..No. 7	Havana.....	24	....	....	....	24	....	....	....	....	....	24	..
La Gloria.....No. 8	La Gloria.....	49	1	1	2	53	....	7	1	2	10	43	1
†Camaguey.....No. 9	Camaguey	46	....	....	....	46	....	....	....	....	....	46	..
HAWAII.													
Excelsior .....No. 1	Honolulu	132	10	1	....	143	....	1	....	2	3	140	4
Harmony.....No. 3	Honolulu	146	39	2	1	188	4	7	....	3	14	174	8
JAPAN, ASIA.													
Far East .....No. 1	Yokohama.....	54	....	....	....	54	1	16	....	1	18	36	
MEXICO.													
†Ridgely.....No. 1	City of Mexico..	61	....	....	....	61	....	....	....	1	1	60	1
†Alemania.....No. 3	City of Mexico..	18	....	....	....	18	....	....	....	....	....	18	..
PANAMA.													
Isthmian Canal .....No. 1	Ancon	145	10	3	1	159	2	17	....	....	19	140	8
Gatun.....No. 5	Cristobal	76	19	2	....	97	1	7	....	....	8	89	1
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.													
Manila .....No. 1	Manila.....	79	3	....	1	83	13	1	1	....	15	68	1
Luzon.....No. 2	Manila.....	.....	8	6	....	14	....	....	....	....	....	14	
Totals.....	....	1,047	90	15	5	1,157	112	56	2	9	179	978	18

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† Report for 1917 not received.

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ANNUAL REPORTS *of Subordinate Lodges to The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the year ending December 31st, 1917.*

LODGES.	Brothers relieved.	Weeks' benefits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Paid for the relief of brothers.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
ALASKA.											
ine.....No. 5	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
RGENTINE REPUBLIC, S. A.											
enos Aires.....No. 1	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CUBA.											
ba .....No. 3	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
vana .....No. 4	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
gla .....No. 6	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
jos del Trabajos. No. 7	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gloria .....No. 8	5	81	.....	..	$158 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	$158 70	$241 30
maguey.....No. 9	....	....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
HAWAII.											
celsior.....No. 1	14	210	7	1	892 50	$675 00	$240 00	$115 20	$65 00	1,987 70	2,400 00
rmony.....No. 3	20	140	1	2	1,036 00	110 00	168 00	100 00	.....	1,414 00	3,904 00
JAPAN, ASIA.											
r East .....No. 1	2	17	.....	..	85 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 00	530 48
MEXICO.											
lgely.....No. 1	1	7	....	..	24 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 50	78 00
emania.....No. 3	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PANAMA.											
hmian Canal....No. 1	3	27	....	..	105 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	105 00	1,049 84
tun .....No. 5	2	....	.....	..	62 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 00	1,016 80
HILIPPINE ISLANDS.											
nila .....No. 1	3	28	....	..	84 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	84 00	806 75
zon .....No. 2	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	325 00
Totals	50	510	8	3	$2,447 70	$785 00	$408 00	$215 20	$65 00	$3,920 90	$10,352 17

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ANNUAL REPORTS *of Grand Encampments to The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the year ending December 31st, 1917.*

JURISDICTIONS.	Encampments.	Members, December 31, 1916.	ADD.				Total.	DEDUCT.						Members, December 31, 1917.
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.		Error in last report.	Withdrawn by card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Total.	
Alabama	31	595	....	5	1	4	605	....	....	9	....	1	10	595
Alberta	11	667	1	109	15	4	796	....	5	131	....	5	141	655
Arizona	7	336	....	82	3	10	431	....	2	14	....	4	20	411
Arkansas	42	1,271	....	61	5	32	1,369	....	6	212	1	5	224	1,145
British Columbia	14	994	....	68	2	7	1,071	2	....	140	....	6	148	92?
California	114	8,579	....	441	71	28	9,119	....	81	413	4	155	653	8,466
Colorado	35	2,080	....	269	41	30	2,420	....	127	159	....	31	317	2,103
Connecticut	37	5,529	1	367	6	11	5,914	3	20	175	1	72	271	5,643
*Delaware	8	364	....	....	....	....	364	....	....	....	....	....	....	364
District of Columbia	4	273	....	15	3	1	292	....	2	8	....	8	18	274
Florida	10	367	2	106	8	5	488	3	3	45	1	4	56	432
Georgia	91	2,529	1	69	6	30	2,635	....	1	112	1	11	125	2,510
Idaho	33	1,168	4	216	72	23	1,483	1	40	159	....	13	213	1,270
Illinois	222	13,469	....	1,657	61	84	15,271	19	73	920	6	136	1,154	14,117
Indiana	259	18,424	....	1,176	52	204	19,856	....	68	1,154	2	245	1,469	18,387
Iowa	188	10,052	....	553	55	283	10,943	27	68	951	4	117	1,167	9,776
Kansas	86	4,609	5	420	31	37	5,102	6	38	357	1	51	453	4,649
Kentucky	56	1,925	6	211	8	13	2,163	....	8	181	1	12	202	1,961
Louisiana	16	437	....	22	2	4	465	....	2	39	....	....	41	424
Maine	63	6,131	....	443	10	10	6,594	....	25	146	....	103	274	6,320
Manitoba	13	1,174	1	49	1	8	1,233	5	17	171	....	13	206	1,027
Maritime Provinces	30	1,334	2	115	1	4	1,456	....	6	42	....	13	61	1,395
Maryland	32	2,013	3	220	2	4	2,243	1	3	122	....	22	148	2,095
Massachusetts	77	11,586	16	562	14	9	12,187	49	83	251	1	204	588	11,599
Michigan	123	12,867	....	1,813	95	101	14,876	8	95	1,017	....	122	1,242	13,634
Minnesota	54	3,537	....	311	20	16	3,884	11	25	259	....	45	340	3,544
Mississippi	10	158	3	13	3	4	181	....	6	8	....	2	16	165
Missouri	85	5,158	14	338	14	63	5,587	30	40	510	1	42	623	4,964
Montana	25	922	....	363	68	39	1,392	....	28	96	2	16	142	1,250
Nebraska	65	2,691	4	265	95	22	3,077	7	71	172	....	23	273	2,804
Nevada	9	260	....	62	6	3	331	2	1	11	....	2	16	315

New Hampshire	38	3,558	3	177	6	10	3,754	....	20	47	....	65	132	3,622
New Jersey	54	3,186	....	257	130	3	3,576	14	141	175	....	52	382	3,194
New Mexico	12	346	....	64	3	8	421	....	3	40	....	3	46	375
New York	183	17,211	....	1,301	54	69	18,635	....	157	686	2	227	1,072	17,563
*North Carolina	22	921	....	....	....	....	921	....	....	....	....	....	....	921
*North Dakota	25	1,116	....	....	....	....	1,116	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,116
Ohio	218	18,115	....	1,230	84	77	19,506	....	82	794	5	237	1,118	18,388
Oklahoma	41	2,130	6	305	44	41	2,526	37	25	299	3	13	377	2,149
Ontario	92	8,214	....	894	41	31	9,180	3	61	435	....	77	576	8,604
Oregon	64	4,135	....	293	48	27	4,503	....	49	352	2	50	453	4,050
Pennsylvania	263	20,034	....	2,092	192	54	22,372	4	80	1,059	2	304	1,449	20,923
Quebec	11	879	....	43	....	4	926	....	8	87	1	2	98	828
Rhode Island	13	1,133	1	101	2	4	1,246	2	10	51	....	26	89	1,157
Saskatchewan	10	650	2	156	21	22	851	1	17	52	....	10	80	771
South Carolina	9	308	1	29	4	5	347	....	2	67	....	6	75	272
South Dakota	43	2,568	....	239	11	21	2,839	....	20	136	....	18	174	2,665
Tennessee	34	1,060	....	73	8	27	1,168	....	6	112	....	7	125	1,043
Texas	55	2,125	3	275	58	31	2,492	22	16	224	1	18	281	2,211
Utah	11	442	....	51	5	12	510	....	2	86	....	9	97	413
Vermont	31	1,852	4	89	8	3	1,956	7	22	78	1	23	131	1,825
Virginia	46	1,423	....	186	23	60	1,692	....	57	222	....	16	295	1,397
Washington	60	5,368	8	432	35	54	5,897	26	35	448	2	34	545	5,352
West Virginia	125	5,091	6	638	59	56	5,850	18	42	468	3	39	570	5,280
Wisconsin	70	3,539	....	366	44	15	3,964	7	48	309	....	39	403	3,561
Wyoming	16	600	....	54	....	6	660	....	2	32	1	6	41	619
Totals	3,396	227,508	97	19,746	1,651	1,733	250,736	315	1,849	14,243	49	2,764	19,220	231,516
QUASI-INDEPENDENT JURISDICTIONS.														
Australasia	25	747	....	57	2	3	809	24	3	69	....	9	105	704
Denmark	4	661	....	50	1	....	712	....	1	2	....	12	15	697
*Germany	18	1,189	....	....	....	....	1,189	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,189
Sweden	4	2,554	1	310	1	....	2,866	....	3	6	....	25	34	2,832
Switzerland	1	201	....	19	....	....	220	....	4	....	1	4	9	211
Encampments under Immediate Jurisdiction of The S. G. L.														
Polynesia, No. 1, Hawaii	1	82	....	11	1	1	94	....	4	1	....	1	6	88
Manila, No. 1, P. I.	1	43	....	3	....	....	46	....	5	6	....	....	11	35
Totals	54	5,477	1	450	5	4	5,936	24	20	84	1	51	180	5,756
Grand Totals	3,450	232,985	98	20,196	1,656	1,737	256,672	339	1,869	14,327	50	2,815	19,400	237,272

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ANNUAL REPORTS *of Grand Encampments to The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the year ending December 31st, 1917.*

JURISDICTIONS.	Patriarchs relieved.	Weeks' benefits paid.	Widowed families relieved.	Patriarchs buried.	Paid for the relief of patriarchs.	Paid for the relief of widowed families.	Paid for the relief of orphans.	Paid for the education of orphans.	Paid for burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.
Alabama	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alberta	13	57	....	1	$113 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	$25 00	$138 92
Arizona	17	206	1	4	414 50	$30 00	.....	.....	$25 00	39 00	508 50
Arkansas	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
British Columbia	64	682	....	2	1,179 60	.....	.....	.....	60 00	138 50	1,378 10
California	690	7,315	8	129	25,266 15	139 50	.....	.....	3,896 45	919 65	30,221 75
Colorado	82	531	....	31	1,025 30	.....	.....	.....	279 00	.....	1,304 30
Connecticut	490	3,215	....	68	8,493 66	.....	.....	.....	1,414 00	157 00	10,064 66
*Delaware	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
District of Columbia	29	276	....	8	817 50	.....	.....	.....	280 00	190 67	1,288 17
Florida	6	26	....	4	161 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 23	173 33
Georgia	9	51	....	6	170 00	.....	.....	.....	133 00	.....	303 00
Idaho	11	66	....	13	151 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 45	166 45
Illinois	680	4,219	17	99	8,568 80	318 50	.....	$35 00	2,400 65	569 25	11,892 20
Indiana	1,926	16,340	8	245	34,013 71	94 00	$1,835 22	.....	9,073 80	697 98	45,714 71
Iowa	379	2,922	....	117	4,727 25	.....	.....	.....	1,888 00	421 50	7,036 75
Kansas	287	1,750	3	51	4,107 00	.....	.....	.....	981 25	451 40	5,539 65
Kentucky	90	513	....	12	1,311 00	.....	.....	.....	200 00	82 60	1,593 60
Louisiana	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine	336	4,091	....	103	7,361 30	.....	.....	.....	827 28	130 00	8,318 58
Manitoba	33	....	....	13	514 80	.....	.....	.....	45 00	.....	559 80
Maritime Provinces	23	210	....	....	189 00	.....	.....	.....	65 00	127 50	381 50
Maryland	110	924	10	22	3,017 00	1,450 00	.....	.....	1,015 50	10 00	5,492 50
Massachusetts	847	9,633	1	137	16,215 54	45 00	.....	.....	4,558 00	1,111 51	21,930 05
Michigan	453	3,609	7	116	8,686 00	35 75	.....	.....	1,755 75	567 91	11,045 41
Minnesota	152	886	....	30	1,592 50	.....	.....	.....	525 00	105 60	2,223 10
Mississippi	1	....	....	2	27 00	.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	36 00
Missouri	220	1,055	28	26	2,027 00	50 00	.....	.....	461 00	500 53	3,038 53
Montana	55	381	....	16	1,010 00	.....	.....	.....	305 00	265 00	1,580 00
Nebraska	86	809	1	10	1,687 00	10 35	.....	.....	235 00	65 85	1,998 20

Nevada	1	3	....	3	16 00	.....	.....	.....	85 00	.....	101 00
New Hampshire	201	2,494	....	65	2,438 57	.....	.....	.....	480 00	39 25	2,957 82
New Jersey	290	3,189	....	54	7,958 56	.....	25 00	.....	3,050 00	108 70	11,142 26
New Mexico	3	14	1	1	47 20	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	20 00	87 20
New York	1,086	10,784	8	179	20,230 09	70 00	89 13	.....	8,538 05	41 00	28,968 27
*North Carolina	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*North Dakota	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	1,415	14,816	4	237	36,371 77	25 00	.....	.....	7,994 97	2,500 00	46,891 74
Oklahoma	11	....	....	3	238 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	338 00
Ontario	477	477	16	31	5,993 27	232 10	.....	.....	599 06	601 84	7,426 27
Oregon	167	1,313	....	50	3,359 50	.....	.....	.....	128 00	733 00	4,220 50
Pennsylvania	2,009	18,012	45	298	54,644 91	346 40	.....	161 00	20,775 16	1,669 70	77,597 17
Quebec	19	120	....	1	162 45	.....	.....	.....	10 00	124 25	296 70
Rhode Island	79	1,097	....	26	1,173 10	.....	.....	.....	345 00	265 00	1,783 10
Saskatchewan	....	39	....	....	86 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00	211 50
South Carolina	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota	25	147	1	8	253 00	10 40	.....	.....	100 00	76 25	439 65
Tennessee	40	221	....	6	910 00	.....	2 50	.....	170 00	129 00	1,211 50
Texas	72	461	15	18	1,083 58	95 00	40 00	60 00	407 50	979 75	2,665 83
Utah	16	86	....	9	185 95	.....	.....	.....	80 00	.....	265 95
Vermont	46	373	....	10	397 40	.....	.....	.....	155 00	10 00	562 40
Virginia	159	439	2	16	1,268 95	100 00	.....	.....	218 50	64 94	1,652 39
Washington	218	1,635	....	23	4,073 05	.....	.....	.....	497 50	570 41	5,140 96
West Virginia	412	2,058	....	39	5,490 75	.....	.....	.....	982 00	386 26	6,859 01
Wisconsin	30	246	....	39	264 00	.....	.....	.....	190 00	.....	454 00
Wyoming	21	162	....	6	312 50	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	362 50
Totals	13,886	117,953	176	2,387	$279,806 73	$3 062 00	$1,991 85	$256 00	$75,398 42	$15,048 48	$375,563 48
QUASI-INDEPENDENT JURISDICTIONS.											
Australasia	31	....	....	5	$315 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$120 00	$435 00
Denmark	....	....	....	....	123 00	$93 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	216 33
*Germany	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweden	14	....	17	....	.....	574 32	.....	.....	.....	337 83	912 15
Switzerland	....	....	....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 00	120 00
Encampments under Immediate Jurisdiction of The S. G. L.											
Polynesia, No. 1, Hawaii	5	62	....	....	161 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	161 00
Manila, No. 1, P. I.	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	50	62	17	9	$599 00	$667 65	.....	.....	.....	$577 83	$1,844 48
Grand Totals	13,936	118,015	193	2,396	$280,405 73	$3,729 65	$1,991 85	$256 00	$75,398 42	$15,626 31	$377,407 96

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ENCAMPMENT RECEIPTS *from the following sources, as required by the legislation of* 1893.

JURISDICTIONS.	Receipts for dues.	Receipts from admissions and degrees.	Receipts from rents and invested funds.	Receipts from all other sources.	Total Receipts.
Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alberta	$1,821 05	$872 00	$26 60	$201 02	$2,920 67
Arizona	1,509 00	593 00	.....	11 75	2,113 75
Arkansas	372 00	203 00	.....	.....	575 00
British Columbia	3,830 75	411 00	319 31	240 84	4,801 90
California	59,500 00	6,100 00	3,910 90	509 00	70,019 90
Colorado	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,751 28
Connecticut	19,303 29	2,852 75	2,511 15	748 97	25,416 16
*Delaware	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
District of Columbia	1,338 77	162 00	47 18	291 25	1,839 20
Florida	659 80	375 40	24 50	107 75	1,167 45
Georgia	1,035 45	161 50	.....	46 07	1,243 02
Idaho	3,300 84	1,499 00	7 50	375 67	5,182 51
Illinois	33,048 90	8,311 41	5,010 90	4,743 24	51,114 45
Indiana	57,374 78	7,431 35	3,839 02	9,205 97	77,851 12
Iowa	21,352 10	3,621 00	2,973 73	2,220 06	30,166 89
Kansas	13,633 92	3,962 25	808 63	322 17	18,726 97
Kentucky	3,757 91	767 70	1,260 69	4,901 36	10,687 66
Louisiana	346 56	124 00	.....	.....	470 56
Maine	14,312 57	2,798 00	4,092 83	207 01	21,410 41
Manitoba	2,987 45	963 30	.....	279 68	4,230 43
Maritime Provinces	1,806 76	652 90	288 39	120 80	2,868 85
Maryland	4,976 09	655 31	2,228 81	59 70	7,919 91
Massachusetts	47,160 90	5,196 50	6,881 69	1,742 99	60,982 08
Michigan	33,091 39	8,846 35	1,161 56	2,067 36	45,166 66
Minnesota	7,285 70	2,236 80	472 16	1,479 67	11,474 03
Mississippi	536 75	44 50	.....	3 00	584 25
Missouri	10,326 30	1,312 00	1,830 62	346 42	13,815 64
Montana	4,238 40	2,770 00	237 34	208 00	7,453 74
Nebraska	5,729 99	1,980 25	226 16	2,129 32	10,065 72
Nevada	995 20	311 00	.....	57 00	1,363 20
New Hampshire	8,331 74	1,808 00	549 73	170 43	10,859 90
New Jersey	16,416 52	1,027 84	3,015 04	9,228 38	29,687 78
New Mexico	498 95	276 00	30 00	11 00	815 95
New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	68,887 14
*North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*North Dakota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	79,413 00	9,444 00	20 895 00	44,358 39	154,040 39
Oklahoma	3,615 23	3,106 00	280 28	3 00	7,004 56
Ontario	18,267 93	5,132 75	1,447 10	2,973 01	27,820 79
Oregon	10,421 22	1,558 00	2,365 23	443 76	14,788 21
Pennsylvania	124,349 95	8,559 46	18,163 74	9,524 15	160,597 30
Quebec	1,697 21	149 00	235 55	1 25	2,083 01
Rhode Island	3,235 28	796 50	657 91	300 36	4,990 05
Saskatchewan	1,998 75	1,695 00	.....	3,069 49	6,763 24
South Carolina	454 50	90 00	.....	.....	544 50
South Dakota	3,496 38	1,490 00	100 70	68 45	5,155 53
Tennessee	3,469 00	748 50	70 00	55 17	4,342 67
Texas	5,623 83	1, 01 40	2,822 25	469 10	10,316 58
Utah	1,818 65	206 80	51 30	16 00	2,092 75
Vermont	2,979 84	856 00	92 81	670 03	4,298 68
Virginia	3,934 49	775 00	342 70	1,114 95	6,110 14
Washington	14,249 82	2,747 00	432 32	1,847 35	19,270 49
West Virginia	14,312 12	3,600 40	1,253 62	429 01	19,596 15
Wisconsin	4,895 75	1,438 50	275 24	635 13	7,244 81
Wyoming	1,363 25	373 00	60 00	8 00	1,804 25
Totals	$680,475 88	$112,131 31	$91,230 19	$108,022 48	$1,067,498 28
QUASI-INDEPENDENT JURISDICTIONS.					
Australasia	$2,185 00	$70 00	$80 00	$65 00	$2,400 00
Denmark	2,535 20	.....	567 48	.....	3,102 68
*Germany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweden	4,528 24	4,470 27	1,521 19	30 49	10,556 19
Switzerland	198 00	38 00	5 87	.....	241 87
Encampments under S. G. L.					
No. 1, Hawaii	720 00	144 00	.....	.....	864 00
No. 1, Philippine Is	215 00	30 00	.....	3 06	248 06
Totals	$10,381 44	$4,752 27	$2,174 54	$104 55	$17,412 80
Grand Totals	$690,857 32	$116,883 58	$93,404 73	$108,127 03	$1,084,911 08

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CURRENT EXPENSES AND INVESTED FUNDS *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments for the year ending December 31st, 1917.*

JURISDICTIONS.	CURRENT EXPENSES.		INVESTED FUNDS.	
	Subordinate Encampments.	Grand Encampments.	Subordinate Encampments.	Grand Encampments.
Alabama	.....	$403 45	.....	.....
Alberta	$2,286 85	604 36	$4,395 78	$820 62
Arizona	1,455 67	238 35	.....	.....
Arkansas	476 25	392 50	.....	.....
British Columbia	2,838 30	614 92	8,273 23	.....
California	31,035 46	9,392 27	244,053 49	.....
Colorado	4,164 14	1,000 00	21,240 17	.....
Connecticut	11,659 27	2,130 59	82,833 25	2,786 61
*Delaware	.....	.....	.....	.....
District of Columbia	1,051 44	152 50	7,091 50	.....
Florida	678 13	452 07	786 34	.....
Georgia	649 75	369 10	4,000 00	.....
Idaho	4,064 41	2,154 18	9,854 02	.....
Illinois	30,659 47	6,035 74	41,449 32	.....
Indiana	22,210 41	6,522 56	193,694 20	133,165 50
Iowa	10,463 15	4,376 95	24,540 00	.....
Kansas	9,969 84	3,722 66	24,824 29	4,000 00
Kentucky	2,875 23	1,070 34	29,951 59	355 65
Louisiana	511 23	367 08	817 40	.....
Maine	12,036 42	1,369 09	79,209 92	10,448 93
Manitoba	3,889 04	963 30	11,554 97	398 81
Maritime Provinces	1,392 09	470 62	7,665 46	879 79
Maryland	4,942 66	1,490 14	35,218 57	361 11
Massachusetts	37,573 45	4,220 86	221,523 12	14,827 03
Michigan	23,408 97	4,681 31	64,968 60	10,494 63
Minnesota	6,493 18	1,830 83	10,017 91	.....
Mississippi	338 80	234 00	.....	.....
Missouri	9,796 87	2,085 33	32,720 86	.....
Montana	4,513 59	1,063 54	21,700 00	.....
Nebraska	4,764 59	1,515 00	22,166 47	.....
Nevada	746 27	315 60	3,666 13	250 00
New Hampshire	6,887 41	1,194 92	52,140 93	1,873 81
New Jersey	6,279 47	1,479 36	55,579 78	.....
New Mexico	121 46	204 23	250 00	.....
New York	36,806 47	.....	871 77	.....
*North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....
*North Dakota	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	37,517 25	7,116 78	424,107 44	.....
Oklahoma	4,258 21	1,938 06	12,608 03	1,885 35
Ontario	16,706 99	3,959 03	25,268 48	.....
Oregon	8,261 53	1,648 55	14,498 00	634 60
Pennsylvania	50,229 63	6,814 21	487,552 31	.....
Quebec	1,286 42	435 25	8,699 29	233 81
Rhode Island	3,920 55	604 06	17,747 64	542 83
Saskatchewan	3,025 30	413 63	5,016 96	.....
South Carolina	275 75	158 00	.....	.....
South Dakota	2,926 73	1,279 76	4,962 60	.....
Tennessee	2,213 07	857 10	24,343 60	.....
Texas	3,781 74	2,471 50	14,101 55	1,522 23
Utah	1,928 84	583 64	5,070 67	.....
Vermont	4,007 90	.....	8,290 04	.....
Virginia	3,473 38	834 85	.....	.....
Washington	13,580 83	3,842 48	28,947 61	.....
West Virginia	16,438 48	3,003 28	12,382 14	2,000 00
Wisconsin	6,667 42	2,184 84	20,814 69	3,159 99
Wyoming	1,086 56	396 20	6,925 40	800 00
Totals	$478,626 32	$101,658 97	$2,438,395 52	$191,441 30
QUASI-INDEPENDENT JURISDICTIONS.				
Australasia	$1,050 00	$150 00	$2,385 00	$195 00
Denmark	1,927 73	.....	7,675 47	.....
*Germany	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweden	7,109 22	604 47	33,221 79	1,280 59
Switzerland	185 89	.....	126 58	.....
Totals	$10,272 84	$754 47	$43,408 84	$1,475 59
Grand Totals	$488,899 16	$102,413 44	$2,481,804 36	$192,916 89

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REBEKAH LODGES.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF GRAND LODGES *to The Sovereign Grand Lodge of The Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the year ending December 31st*, 1917.

JURISDICTIONS.	Lodges.	Members, December 31, 1916.			Admitted during the year.		Total.		Loss during year.		Members, December 31, 1917.		
		Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.
*Alabama	82	674	1,187	1,861	....	....	674	1,187	....	....	674	1,187	1,861
Alberta	55	1,167	1,903	3,070	190	420	1,357	2,323	219	386	1,138	1,937	3,075
Arizona	22	530	886	1,416	131	159	661	1,045	78	94	583	951	1,534
Arkansas	128	253	5,867	6,120	139	441	392	6,308	227	477	165	5,831	5,996
British Columbia	33	897	1,452	2,349	86	241	983	1,693	158	211	825	1,482	2,307
California	343	10,463	22,579	33,042	1,071	2,226	11,534	24,805	1,174	2,080	10,360	22,725	33,085
Colorado	133	2,452	6,524	8,976	296	907	2,748	7,431	656	499	2,092	6,922	9,024
Connecticut	61	3,223	6,180	9,403	283	554	3,506	6,734	251	389	3,255	6,345	9,600
Delaware	6	232	299	531	42	58	274	357	6	27	268	330	598
District of Columbia	9	347	612	959	21	60	368	672	45	89	323	583	906
Florida	41	790	1,316	2,106	122	258	912	1,574	111	170	801	1,404	2,205
Georgia	29	606	884	1,490	97	116	703	1,000	281	356	422	644	1,066
Idaho	101	1,977	3,775	5,752	263	485	2,240	4,260	154	301	2,086	3,959	6,045
Illinois	808	17,031	44,282	61,313	1,924	5,185	18,955	49,467	1,704	3,909	17,251	45,558	62,809
Indiana	553	13,903	31,794	45,697	1,730	3,410	15,633	35,204	1,796	3,279	13,837	31,925	45,762
Iowa	565	15,023	30,580	45,603	1,599	3,289	16,622	33,869	1,453	2,707	15,169	31,162	46,331
Kansas	403	9,374	21,341	30,715	1,285	2,597	10,659	23,938	979	2,021	9,680	21,917	31,597
Kentucky	84	1,083	2,530	3,613	280	429	1,363	2,959	223	368	1,140	2,591	3,731
Louisiana	24	503	669	1,172	46	56	549	725	54	87	495	638	1,133
Maine	140	8,226	16,286	24,512	533	1,146	8,759	17,432	430	747	8,329	16,685	25,014
Manitoba	56	2,130	3,600	5,730	95	345	2,225	3,945	271	463	1,954	3,482	5,436
Maritime Provinces	71	1,871	4,130	6,001	148	438	2,019	4,568	147	319	1,872	4,249	6,121
Maryland	38	910	1,938	2,848	110	251	1,020	2,189	79	101	941	2,088	3,029
Massachusetts	191	11,751	24,371	36,122	640	1,526	12,391	25,897	732	1,315	11,659	24,582	36,241
Michigan	447	13,965	30,215	44,180	2,066	3,765	16,031	33,980	1,526	2,886	14,505	31,094	45,599
Minnesota	193	4,581	10,493	15,074	626	1,368	5,207	11,861	535	1,056	4,672	10,805	15,477
Mississippi	10	78	148	226	9	21	87	169	19	15	68	154	222
Missouri	495	8,661	30,297	28,958	1,001	2,366	9,662	22,663	1,270	2,536	8,392	20,127	28,519
Montana	84	1,377	3,069	4,446	513	935	1,890	4,004	199	308	1,691	3,696	5,387
Nebraska	261	5,028	11,167	16,195	695	1,356	5,723	12,523	702	1,199	5,021	11,324	16,345
Nevada	29	534	1,110	1,644	75	124	609	1,234	50	77	559	1,157	1,716
New Hampshire	96	5,509	10,951	16,460	234	513	5,743	11,464	314	520	5,429	10,944	16,373
New Jersey	61	1,108	2,892	4,000	184	323	1,292	3,215	139	319	1,153	2,896	4,049

New Mexico	35	535	1,223	1,758	96	153	631	1,376	75	151	556	1,225	1,781
New York	574	17,998	38,592	56,590	2,242	4,688	20,240	43,280	1,672	2,978	18,568	40,302	58,870
North Carolina	38	1,178	1,662	2,840	43	167	1,221	1,829	83	120	1,138	1,709	2,847
North Dakota	87	1,273	2,424	3,697	154	357	1,427	2,781	156	301	1,271	2,480	3,751
Ohio	535	13,953	34,152	48,105	1,419	3,207	15,372	37,359	1,287	2,502	14,085	34,857	48,942
Oklahoma	287	3,420	8,757	12,177	732	1,616	4,152	10,373	554	1,103	3,598	9,270	12,868
Ontario	139	5,219	8,713	13,932	924	1,792	6,143	10,505	455	778	5,688	9,727	15,415
Oregon	200	5,728	11,864	17,592	843	1,709	6,571	13,573	627	1,169	5,944	12,404	18,348
Pennsylvania	449	7,729	23,679	31,408	992	2,930	8,721	26,609	1,219	2,731	7,502	23,878	31,380
Quebec	28	740	1,334	2,074	97	152	837	1,486	85	128	752	1,358	2,110
Rhode Island	31	1,291	2,738	4,029	116	243	1,407	2,981	105	158	1,302	2,823	4,125
Saskatchewan	54	1,433	2,096	3,529	267	455	1,700	2,551	126	156	1,574	2,395	3,969
*South Carolina	6	47	95	142	....	....	47	95	....	....	47	95	142
South Dakota	149	3,356	6,302	9,658	524	952	3,880	7,254	390	682	3,490	6,572	10,062
Tennessee	131	1,792	3,371	5,163	230	325	2,022	3,696	391	610	1,631	3,086	4,717
Texas	315	4,256	9,852	14,108	644	974	4,900	10,826	1,943	2,195	2,957	8,631	11,588
*Utah	28	407	1,151	1,558	....	....	407	1,151	....	....	407	1,151	1,558
Vermont	68	2,314	4,379	6,693	116	272	2,430	4,651	191	296	2,239	4,355	6,594
Virginia	69	890	1,483	2,373	239	256	1,129	1,739	105	166	1,024	1,573	2,597
Washington	267	7,421	14,601	22,022	971	2,033	8,392	16,634	872	1,505	7,520	15,129	22,649
West Virginia	189	2,792	5,633	8,425	406	829	3,198	6,462	254	308	2,944	6,154	9,098
Wisconsin	208	3,694	9,466	13,160	315	801	4,009	10,267	319	707	3,690	9,560	13,250
Wyoming	305	580	1,237	1,817	70	113	650	1,350	60	75	590	1,275	1,865
Totals	9,844	234,303	520,131	754,434	27,974	59,392	262,277	579,523	26,951	48,130	235,326	531,393	766,719
Rebekah Lodges under the Immediate Jurisdiction of the S. G. L.													
†Midnight Sun, No. 3, Alaska	1	35	49	84	....	....	35	49	35	49	....	....	....
†Valdez, No. 5, Alaska	1	34	21	55	....	....	34	21	34	21	....	....	....
La Gloria, No. 1, Cuba	1	20	25	45	1	....	21	25	2	1	19	24	43
Pacific, No. 1, Hawaii	1	50	71	121	9	7	59	78	6	3	53	75	128
Olive Branch, No. 2, Hawaii	1	26	69	95	1	4	27	73	4	6	23	67	90
Isthmian Canal, No. 1, Panama	1	50	36	86	....	4	50	40	17	10	33	30	63
Yukon, No. 1, Yukon Territory	1	39	30	69	1	....	40	30	3	2	37	28	65
Totals	7	254	301	555	12	15	266	316	101	92	165	224	389
Grand Totals	9,851	234,557	520,432	754,989	27,986	59,407	262,543	579,839	27,052	48,222	235,491	531,617	767,108

* Report for 1917 not received.

† Transferred to jurisdiction of Washington.

There are 95 Rebekah Lodges in Australasia, reporting 4,135 sisters.

Denmark reports 7 Rebekah Lodges, with 652 members, 389 of whom are sisters and 263 are brothers.

Statistical—Continued.

INCREASE AND DECREASE *in Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges from January 1st, to December 31st*, 1917.

JURISDICTIONS.	LODGES.		ENCAMPMENTS.		REBEKAH LODGES.					
					Brothers.		Sisters.		Totals.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Alabama	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Alaska	....	91	....	....	....	69	....	70	....	139
Alberta	191	....	....	12	....	29	34	....	5	....
Argentine Republic	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Arizona	164	....	75	....	53	....	65	....	118	....
Arkansas	....	2,003	....	126	....	88	....	36	....	124
British Columbia	....	82	....	71	....	72	30	....	....	42
California	317	....	....	113	....	103	146	....	43	....
Colorado	382	....	23	....	....	360	408	....	48	....
Connecticut	569	....	114	....	32	....	165	....	197	....
Cuba	....	6	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	2
Delaware	297	....	....	....	36	....	31	....	67	....
District of Columbia	....	46	1	....	....	24	....	29	....	53
Florida	196	....	65	....	11	....	88	....	99	....
Georgia	....	1,268	....	19	....	184	....	240	....	424
Hawaii	36	....	6	....	....	....	2	....	2	....
Idaho	106	....	102	....	109	....	184	....	293	....
Illinois	2,222	....	648	....	220	....	1,276	....	1,496	....
Indiana	259	....	....	37	....	66	131	....	65	....
Iowa	887	....	....	276	146	....	582	....	728	....
Japan	....	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Kansas	705	....	40	....	306	....	576	....	882	....
Kentucky	....	359	36	....	57	....	61	....	118	....
Louisiana	....	445	....	13	....	8	....	31	....	39
Maine	117	....	189	....	103	....	399	....	502	....
Manitoba	....	224	....	147	....	176	....	118	....	294
Maritime Provinces	84	....	61	....	1	....	119	....	120	....
Maryland	421	....	82	....	31	....	150	....	181	....
Massachusetts	2	....	13	....	....	92	211	....	119	....
Mexico	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Michigan	2,432	....	767	....	540	....	879	....	1,419	....
Minnesota	58	....	7	....	91	....	312	....	403	....
Mississippi	....	343	7	....	....	10	6	....	....	4
Missouri	....	1,052	....	194	....	269	....	170	....	439
Montana	1,105	....	328	....	314	....	627	....	941	....
Nebraska	308	....	113	....	....	7	157	....	150	....
Nevada	38	....	55	....	25	....	47	....	72	....
New Hampshire	....	107	64	....	....	80	....	7	....	87
New Jersey	114	....	8	....	45	....	4	....	49	....
New Mexico	11	....	29	....	21	....	2	....	23	....
New York	1,872	....	352	....	570	....	1,710	....	2,280	....
North Carolina	....	1,577	....	....	....	40	47	....	7	....

Statistical—Continued.

INCREASE AND DECREASE *in Lodges, Encampments and Rebekah Lodges from January 1st, to December 31st,* 1917.

JURISDICTIONS.	LODGES.		ENCAMPMENTS.		REBEKAH LODGES.					
					Brothers.		Sisters.		Totals.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
North Dakota	238	....	....	....	....	2	56	....	54	....
Ohio	627	....	273	....	132	....	705	....	837	....
Oklahoma	795	....	19	....	178	....	513	....	691	....
Ontario	676	....	390	....	469	....	1,014	....	1,483	....
Oregon	471	....	....	85	216	....	540	....	756	....
Panama	8	....	....	....	....	17	....	6	....	23
Pennsylvania	6,287	....	889	....	....	227	199	....	....	28
Philippine Islands	3	....	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	....
Quebec	49	....	....	51	12	....	24	....	36	....
Rhode Island	32	....	19	....	11	....	85	....	96	....
Saskatchewan	399	....	121	....	141	....	299	....	440	....
South Carolina	....	71	....	36	....	....	....	....	....	....
South Dakota	494	....	97	....	134	....	270	....	404	....
Tennessee	....	1,061	....	17	....	161	....	285	....	446
Texas	455	....	86	....	....	1,299	....	1,221	....	2,520
Utah	....	....	....	29	....	....	....	....	....	....
Vermont	....	9	....	27	....	75	....	24	....	99
Virginia	....	571	....	26	134	....	90	....	224	....
Washington	414	....	....	16	99	....	528	....	627	....
West Virginia	595	....	189	....	152	....	521	....	673	....
Wisconsin	148	....	22	....	....	4	94	....	90	....
Wyoming	97	....	19	....	10	....	38	....	48	....
Yukon Territory	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	2	....	4
Totals	24,681	9,334	5,309	1,303	4,399	3,465	13,425	2,240	16,886	4,767
QUASI-INDEPENDENT JURISDICTIONS.										
Australasia	....	831	....	43	....	....	....	191	....	191
Denmark	265	....	36	....	91	....	57	....	148	....
Germany	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Netherlands	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sweden	963	....	278	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Switzerland	35	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals	1,263	831	324	43	91	....	57	191	148	191
Grand Totals	25,944	10,165	5,633	1,346	4,490	3,465	13,482	2,431	17,034	4,958

REBEKAH LODGES.

AMOUNTS PAID FOR RELIEF BY REBEKAH LODGES *for the year ending December 31st, 1917.*

JURISDICTIONS.	Paid for relief of members.	Paid for relief of widowed families.	Paid for relief of orphans.	Paid for education of orphans.	Special relief.	Total relief.
*Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alberta	$113 00	$30 00	.....	.....	$328 10	$471 10
Arizona	38 37	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 37
Arkansas	543 00	284 00	$105 00	$340 00	204 00	1,476 00
British Columbia	83 30	5 25	.....	.....	311 47	400 02
California	620 14	.....	2,227 12	.....	775 91	3,623 17
Colorado	81 50	138 63	.....	.....	30 60	250 73
Connecticut	1,550 30	1,107 50	55 00	.....	361 66	3,074 46
Delaware	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	746 29
District of Columbia	36 50	2 00	90 50	.....	.....	129 00
Florida	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99 34
Georgia	75 40	.....	.....	.....	33 25	108 65
Idaho	72 90	.....	.....	.....	362 95	435 85
Illinois	2,910 01	1,944 33	1,721 90	243 80	4,819 76	11,639 80
Indiana	543 26	.....	5,549 06	.....	.....	6,092 32
Iowa	399 30	139 07	177 08	65 80	10,705 79	11,487 04
Kansas	230 52	.....	161 35	.....	3,038 52	3,430 39
Kentucky	162 75	.....	41 60	.....	362 10	566 45
Louisiana	.....	.....	168 95	.....	.....	168 95
Maine	341 66	62 85	275 91	.....	488 66	1,169 08
Manitoba	1,225 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,225 30
Maritime Provinces	60 07	50 00	12 00	.....	159 54	281 61
Maryland	124 50	9 37	.....	.....	67 72	201 59
Massachusetts	2,712 28	156 00	119 97	.....	1,078 60	4,066 85
Michigan	247 85	186 20	210 10	.....	1,298 67	1,942 82
Minnesota	.....	.....	423 96	.....	915 83	1,339 79
Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	534 16	121 55	221 42	1,345 39	837 92	3,060 44
Montana	453 85	35 00	41 40	48 14	353 60	931 49
Nebraska	390 98	.....	.....	.....	.....	390 98
Nevada	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire	1,598 85	30 00	.....	443 25	973 56	3,045 66
New Jersey	1,605 26	375 00	77 85	966 50	600 14	3,624 75
New Mexico	49 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 00
New York	6,201 53	513 59	424 06	.....	15,892 07	23,031 25
North Carolina	84 20	16 30	593 50	.....	104 43	798 43
North Dakota	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,217 20	1,217 20
Ohio	1,518 54	425 45	448 19	.....	2,376 32	4,768 50
Oklahoma	158 06	.....	427 87	.....	493 60	1,079 53
Ontario	281 17	15 00	.....	423 85	1,140 32	1,860 34
Oregon	2,658,67	.....	.....	.....	2,067 32	4,725 99
Pennsylvania	3,140 02	6,737 66	.....	.....	.....	9,877 68
Quebec	35 05	.....	2 67	.....	290 63	328 35
Rhode Island	33 25	29 83	5 00	266 96	.....	335 04
Saskatchewan	575 14	.....	.....	.....	900 13	1,475 27
*South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota	142 26	17 50	.....	.....	679 28	839 04
Tennessee	120 70	2 00	141 90	37 50	42 07	344 17
Texas	1,248 61	.....	.....	.....	251 00	1,499 61
*Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	111 47	10 00	.....	.....	440 54	562 01
Virginia	78 55	9 73	615 10	937 23	.....	1,640 61
Washington	2,140 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,140 78
West Virginia	184 01	105 00	45 55	35 00	73 00	442 56
Wisconsin	341 85	206 00	370 20	.....	240 00	1,158 05
Wyoming	14 90	.....	48 00	.....	121 50	184 40
Totals	$35,872 27	$12,764 81	$14,802 21	$5,153 42	$54,437 76	$123,876 10
Rebekah Lodges under the Immediate Jurisdiction of S. G. L.						
La Gloria, No. 1, Cuba.						
Pacific, No. 1, Hawaii.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch, No. 2, Hawaii	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Isthmian Canal, No. 1, Panama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yukon, No. 1, Yukon Territory	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Totals	$35,872 27	$12,764 81	$14,802 21	$5,153 42	$54,437 76	$123,876 10

*Report for 1917 not received.
Rebekah Lodges of Australasia paid for relief $8,080.00.
Rebekah Lodges of Denmark paid for relief $160.00.

RECEIPTS FROM REBEKAH LODGES *for the year ending December 31st, 1917.*

JURISDICTIONS.	Receipts for dues.	Receipts from admissions.	Receipts from rents and invested funds.	Receipts from all other sources.	Total Receipts.
*Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alberta	$5,127 60	$1,148 90	.....	$2,069 98	$8,346 48
Arizona	3,404 91	690 00	.....	616 90	4,711 81
Arkansas	5,985 00	270 00	.....	483 00	6,743 00
British Columbia	4,595 05	488 50	$44 48	1,390 43	6,518 46
California	69,633 47	7,030 95	.....	21,675 07	98,339 49
Colorado	13,012 88	1,838 50	.....	4,046 07	18,897 45
Connecticut	10,354 16	970 75	1,562 93	2,749 67	15,637 51
Delaware	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,855 62
District of Columbia	1,141 03	89 00	115 79	1,004 55	2,350 37
Florida	1,857 78	348 70	442 45	.....	2,648 93
Georgia	521 40	188 60	163 86	441 96	1,315 82
Idaho	7,693 18	906 80	3,373 48	.....	11,973 46
Illinois	72,283 76	8,525 65	3,326 78	19,584 05	103,720 24
Indiana	50,716 09	.....	.....	.....	50,716 09
Iowa	41,661 13	5,237 27	410 47	16,623 22	63,932 09
Kansas	43,336 92	6,377 19	421 70	8,071 06	58,206 87
Kentucky	2,692 40	814 40	74 10	941 30	4,522 20
Louisiana	837 85	115 30	206 52	155 77	1,315 44
Maine	17,683 86	2,034 00	752 69	2,068 18	22,538 73
Manitoba	5,722 79	773 00	.....	3,272 33	9,768 12
Maritime Provinces	3,840 01	510 95	77 22	1,343 55	5,771 73
Maryland	2,260 92	374 00	96 22	964 35	3,695 49
Massachusetts	49,003 32	3,722 32	3,757 98	7,375 79	63,859 41
Michigan	37,728 00	6,483 25	.....	25,460 80	69,672 05
Minnesota	13,845 98	2,301 75	.....	4,344 55	20,492 28
Mississippi	250 60	.....	.....	90 30	340 90
Missouri	24,894 85	2,902 45	1,442 83	4,894 29	34,134 42
Montana	11,130 48	2,775 00	249 28	2,432 98	16,587 74
Nebraska	14,775 73	1,979 40	.....	3,233 49	19,988 62
Nevada	3,959 60	501 25	1,841 61	.....	6,302 46
New Hampshire	15,227 77	715 80	.....	5,868 13	21,811 70
New Jersey	8,263 85	515 75	1,501 02	3,379 02	13,659 64
New Mexico	1,850 10	356 25	270 65	.....	2,477 00
New York	67,780 25	8,214 82	.....	34,023 26	110,018 33
North Carolina	1,231 21	154 00	28 91	907 06	2,321 18
North Dakota	4,213 14	894 90	568 69	1,173 32	6,850 05
Ohio	37,698 09	4,094 46	2,766 00	46,240 25	90,798 80
Oklahoma	11,137 85	3,393 05	317 87	1,858 82	16,707 59
Ontario	10,154 04	2,824 30	260 23	6,682 03	19,920 60
Oregon	21,242 81	2,898 95	593 59	2,369 72	27,105 07
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	.....	.....	68,218 61
Quebec	1,792 77	208 90	316 38	400 40	2,718 45
Rhode Island	4,158 72	402 75	598 00	1,553 07	6,712 54
Saskatchewan	4,320 37	1,877 85	11 88	3,993 38	10,203 48
*South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota	10,378 32	2,443 35	.....	4,249 72	17,071 39
Tennessee	2,300 56	462 65	7 03	569 49	3,339 73
Texas	5,705 50	.....	.....	.....	5,705 50
*Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	8,246 87	349 00	236 97	2,385 54	11,218 38
Virginia	2,669 82	433 25	.....	562 71	3,665 78
Washington	30,356 36	4,373 73	.....	6,311 25	41,041 34
West Virginia	5,275 36	1,045 90	668 08	293 26	7,282 60
Wisconsin	12,502 55	1,207 25	.....	7,234 40	20,944 20
Wyoming	2,413 60	285 95	2,594 32	819 22	6,113 09
Totals	$788,869 66	$96,556 74	$29,100 01	$266,207 69	$1,251,818 83
Rebekah Lodges under the Immediate Jurisdiction of S. G. L.					
La Gloria, No. 1, Cuba	28 00	4 00	55 94	.....	87 94
Pacific, No. 1, Hawaii	359 25	29 00	8 00	.....	396 25
Olive Branch, No. 2, Hawaii	239 50	8 00	14 50	.....	262 00
Isthmian Canal, No. 1, Panama	52 00	7 00	3 25	.....	62 25
Yukon, No. 1, Yukon Territory	139 50	.....	89 25	.....	228 75
Totals	$818 25	$48 00	$170 94	.....	$1,037 19
Grand Totals	$789,687 91	$96,604 74	$29,270 95	$266,207 69	$1,252,845 52

* Report for 1917 not received.
The Rebekah Lodges in Denmark report $2,932.81 receipts.

CURRENT EXPENSES AND INVESTED FUNDS OF REBEKAH LODGES *for the year ending December 31st, 1917.*

JURISDICTIONS.	CURRENT EXPENSES.		INVESTED FUNDS.	
	Rebekah Lodges.	Rebekah Assemblies.	Rebekah Lodges.	Rebekah Assemblies.
*Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alberta	$6,705 87	$1,566 04	.....	.....
Arizona	4,936 44	1,117 65	$771 85	.....
Arkansas	625 00	1,865 00	280 00	.....
British Columbia	5,333 30	1,400 50	6,209 67	$1,390 84
California	91,346 68	11,771 94	.....	.....
Colorado	16,869 62	6,352 42	27,861 20	.....
Connecticut	13,694 72	919 73	41,742 02	641 13
Delaware	914 89	.....	12,106 74	.....
District of Columbia	2,172 60	157 81	5,691 59	58 42
Florida	2,082 02	792 04	.....	.....
Georgia	842 03	333 64	1,830 59	844 90
Idaho	12,213 90	4,959 27	4,581 14	.....
Illinois	86,541 80	19,665 29	60,749 38	1,000 00
Indiana	39,429 01	5,500 00	80,521 57	3,000 00
Iowa	50,442 14	10,510 17	30,673 84	1,000 00
Kansas	34,338 68	13,209 57	34,577 46	35,159 43
Kentucky	3,987 16	976 17	.....	.....
Louisiana	820 24	202 90	.....	.....
Maine	20,257 78	2,220 85	26,934 01	2,300 30
Manitoba	7,798 79	2,993 72	25,132 77	1,364 84
Maritime Provinces	4,898 27	848 77	3,427 85	878 87
Maryland	2,989 05	1,271 27	2,167 11	181 09
Massachusetts	55,332 59	2,841 65	254,293 89	4,408 56
Michigan	50,675 79	5,313 60	4,317 03	200 00
Minnesota	14,375 95	2,697 75	4,391 95	3,500 00
Mississippi	383 78	153 57	100 00	1,381 55
Missouri	30,767 33	6,776 50	.....	.....
Montana	11,965 75	1,676 62	4,483 69	500 00
Nebraska	214,649 23	7,276 40	.....	.....
Nevada	5,489 27	665 07	4,274 46	.....
New Hampshire	18,186 98	998 35	87,607 11	12,321 95
New Jersey	8,223 53	722 15	24,873 19	.....
New Mexico	2,158 95	666 18	1,985 00	853 54
New York	76,547 10	3,420 94	.....	.....
North Carolina	2,565 76	1,719 90	3,350 15	.....
North Dakota	5,712 95	1,737 83	1,840 83	.....
Ohio	50,537 57	7,205 58	14,000 81	.....
Oklahoma	12,036 38	5,478 38	7,588 09	1,278 30
Ontario	19,687 40	4,601 23	15,638 45	2,027 03
Oregon	22,570 55	7,910 16	46,350 42	.....
Pennsylvania	56,441 56	3,421 06	47,801 87	.....
Quebec	1,998 92	729 96	1,073 81	476 45
Rhode Island	7,079 00	574 00	9,602 43	729 55
Saskatchewan	7,766 84	1,786 64	26,265 08	3,666 70
*South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota	7,461 77	2,990 00	1,152 49	.....
Tennessee	3,160 87	1,893 60	.....	.....
Texas	12,891 18	.....	26,682 14	15,120 59
*Utah	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	6,725 18	1,328 20	5,784 65	.....
Virginia	2,611 56	718 59	.....	.....
Washington	36,192 33	15,629 07	.....	34,264 60
West Virginia	6,774 18	964 63	572 35	2,000 00
Wisconsin	18,097 95	1,254 00	43,956 21	4,654 90
Wyoming	3,436 56	780 70	2,664 32	50 00
Totals	1,181,744 75	$182.567 06	$1,005,909 21	$135,253 54
Rebekah Lodges under the Immediate Jurisdiction of The S. G. L.				
La Gloria, No. 1, Cuba	100 95	.....	111 73	.....
Pacific, No. 1, Hawaii	330 40	.....	634 41	.....
Olive Branch, No. 2, Hawaii	377 45	.....	.....	.....
Isthmian Canal, No. 1, Panama	53 16	.....	.....	.....
Yukon, No. 1, Yukon Territory	142 50	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$1,004 46	.....	$746 14	.....
Grand Totals	$1,182,749 21	$182,567 06	$1,006,655 35	$135,253 54

* Report for 1917 not received.
Invested funds of Rebekah Lodges in Denmark $3,647.50.
Invested funds of Rebekah Lodges in Australasia $41,715.00.

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COMPARISON OF THE RETURNS *of Grand Bodies and Subordinates under the immediate Jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge for the years* 1916 *and* 1917.

	Dec. 31st, 1916.	Dec. 31st, 1917.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges	56	56	.....	.....
Grand Encampments	56	56	.....	.....
Subordinate Lodges	17,187	17,018	.....	169
Subordinate Encampments	3,448	3,398	.....	50
Rebekah Lodges	9,582	9,851	269	.....
Lodge Initiations	98,521	100,374	1,853	.....
Encampment Initiations	18,171	19,760	1,589	.....
Rebekah Initiations Brothers	27,730	27,986	256	.....
" " Sisters	58,142	59,407	1,265	.....
Lodge Members	1,616,647	1,631,994	15,347	.....
Encampment Members	227,633	231,699	4,066	.....
Rebekah Members Brothers	234,557	235,491	934	.....
" " Sisters	520,432	531,617	11,185	.....
Total number of Persons belonging to the Order	2,137,079	2,163,611	26,532	.....
Relief by Lodges	$5,545,492 79	$5,645,515 52	$100,022 73	.....
Relief by Encampments	$378,635 54	375,724 48	.....	$2,911 06
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	$121,907 97	123,876 10	1,968 13	.....
Total Relief	$6,046,036 30	6,145,116 10	99,079 80	.....
Revenue of Subordinate Lodges	$15,792,270 64	16,616,008 65	823,738 01	.....
Revenue of Subordinate Encampments	$1,000,711 69	1,068,610 28	67,898 59	.....
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges	$1,162,559 69	1,252,845 52	90,285 83	.....
Total Revenue	$17,955,542 02	18,937,464 45	981,922 43	.....
Invested Funds of Subordinate Lodges	$60,053,339 28	60,934,051 29	880,712 01	.....
Invested Funds of Subordinate Encampments	$2,340,978 42	2,438,395 52	97,417 10	.....
Invested Funds of Rebekah Lodges	$1,051,590 30	1,006,655 35	.....	44,934 95
Total Invested Funds	$63,445,908 00	64,379,102 16	933,194 16	.....
Expenses of Subordinate Lodges	$7,427,796 89	8,346,752 22	918,955 33	.....
Expenses of Subordinate Encampments	$478,099 55	478,626 32	526 77	.....
Expenses of Rebekah Lodges	$936,951 42	1,182,749 21	245,797 79	.....
Total Expenses	$8,842,847 86	10,008,127 75	1,165,279 89	.....
Brothers Relieved	137,362	131,130	.....	6,232
Patriarchs Relieved	15,282	13,891	.....	1,391
Weeks' Benefits paid by Subordinate Lodges	1,079,267	1,094,187	14,920	.....
Weeks' Benefits paid by Subordinate Encampments	126,708	118,015	.....	8,693
Widowed Families relieved by Subordinate Lodges	6,924	6,725	.....	199
Widowed Families relieved by Subordinate Encampments	94	176	82	.....
Brothers Buried	17,710	18,565	855	.....
Patriarchs Buried	2,292	2,387	95	.....

Statistical—Continued.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31, 1917.

INCLUDING AUSTRALASIA, DENMARK, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND.

Initiations in Subordinate Lodges	4,502,495
Members relieved	4,844,321
Widowed Families relieved	370,701
Members deceased	508,456
Total Relief	$179,727,445.88
Total Revenue	$407,299,003.43

CONDITION OF THE ORDER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD DECEMBER 31, 1917.

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Quasi-Independent Grand Lodges (Australasia, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland)	6
Grand Lodges	68
Grand Encampments	58
Subordinate Lodges	17,698
Subordinate Encampments	3,450
Rebekah Lodges	9,953
Lodge Members	1,694,090
Encampment Members	237,272
Rebekah Lodge Members	771,895
Total number of persons belonging to the Order	2,230,231
Total Relief paid in 1917	$6,509,889.65
Total Receipts of Subordinate Bodies for 1917	$20,111,149.52
Total Expenses of Grand and Subordinate Bodies for 1917	$11,437,202.82
Invested Funds of Grand and Subordinate Bodies December 31, 1917	$73,007,653.35

VETERAN, REBEKAH VETERAN, HONORABLE VETERAN, PATRIARCHS MILITANT, DISTRICT DEPUTY, PAST PRESIDENT AND PAST GRAND OFFICERS' JEWELS, *sold from May 4th, 1889, to July 31st, 1918.*

JURISDICTIONS.	Veteran Jewels.	Rebekah Veteran Jewels.	Hon. Veteran Jewels.	Patriarchs Militant Jewels.	District Deputy Jewels.	Past Pres't Jewels.	P. G. Officers' Jewels.
Alabama	90	....	2	24	3	1	....
Alaska	2	....	....	....	....	....	....
Alberta	120	....	....	49	2	8	12
Arizona	43	2	1	7	1	4	....
Arkansas	49	11	6	34	7	17	8
Australasia	278	2	....	....	37	....	1
British Columbia	213	30	3	105	1	10	15
California	390	64	71	510	47	25	6
Colorado	850	91	2	81	5	21	39
Connecticut	138	19	8	1	24	3	15
Delaware	13	....	7	....	....	1	12
District of Columbia	13	3	7	28	....	....	8
Florida	83	....	2	11	2	9	23
Georgia	97	....	6	8	2	12	14
Germany	60	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hawaii	7	2	1	10	....	....	....
Idaho	281	66	3	170	15	23	14
Illinois	4,597	639	321	1,084	3	38	49
Indiana	1,053	149	59	274	21	9	12
Iowa	733	14	42	794	7	25	6
Japan	....	....	....	....	1	....	....
Kansas	3,447	172	67	188	2	12	47
Kentucky	87	....	21	8	3	31	22
Louisiana	31	....	3	5	6	6	1
Maine	52	14	4	208	8	10	....
Manitoba	340	23	1	37	10	8	12
Maritime Provinces	261	9	1	30	8	....	6
Maryland	119	1	7	47	4	8	11
Massachusetts	1,098	309	31	735	5	13	9
Michigan	700	4	14	312	4	26	21
Minnesota	246	42	6	67	5	28	1
Mississippi	47	....	1	3	....	....	....
Missouri	445	12	10	380	3	24	....
Montana	284	14	....	286	20	22	9
Nebraska	368	11	5	162	12	30	1
Netherlands	5	....	....	....	....	....	....
Nevada	30	5	2	1	5	22	7
Newfoundland	1	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Hampshire	163	69	5	64	20	13	5
New Jersey	1,048	39	13	41	75	6	13
New Mexico	51	....	1	1	5	10	1
New York	1,766	151	99	753	228	19	12
North Carolina	23	....	1	8	....	9	....
North Dakota	36	1	....	8	4	22	2
Ohio	464	6	59	192	22	11	1
Oklahoma	75	10	3	132	21	14	17
Ontario	4,566	59	10	255	231	14	12
Oregon	1,018	35	22	128	4	1	54
Panama	1	....	....	....	1	....	....
Pennsylvania	4,708	51	142	674	216	7	10
Quebec	272	....	....	....	6	....	29
Rhode Island	138	9	6	1	1	17	15
Saskatchewan	58	1	....	2	1	1	9
South Carolina	17	....	....	....	1	1	4
South Dakota	212	49	....	31	5	13	....
Tennessee	260	1	13	1	2	22	5
Texas	989	36	27	87	8	13	13
Utah	231	174	1	61	2	1	7
Vermont	73	29	....	70	13	21	1
Virginia	25	....	3	17	2	....	5
Washington	1,246	95	5	451	5	27	12
West Virginia	240	1	7	34	3	22	12
Wisconsin	719	51	14	311	2	26	11
Wyoming	198	94	1	8	1	5	3
Totals	35,268	2,660	1,146	8,989	1,152	741	634

The Veteran Jewels were authorized by The Sovereign Grand Lodge in September, 1888; the Rebekah Veteran, September, 1891; the Honorable Veteran, September, 1893; the Decoration of Chivalry, September, 1887; the D. D. G. M. Jewel, September, 1889; the D. D. G. P. Jewel, September, 1900; the Past President Jewel, September, 1905; the Past Grand Officers' Jewels, September, 1912; the D. D. President and D. D. G. Sire Jewels, September, 1914. The P. M. Jewels have been issued from this office since April 17, 1894.

During the year 4,744 have been sold. Of this number 2,842 were Veteran, 378 were Rebekah Veteran, 122 Honorable Veteran, 614 Patriarchs Militant Jewels, 131 D. D. Jewels 53 Past President Jewels, and 97 Past Grand Officers' Jewels. There have been sold 2,279 P. M. Badges. Have also sold 930 Veteran Buttons.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE BOOKS *sold to Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments within twelve months ending July 31st, 1918, and number of members in each Jurisdiction, December 31st, 1917.*

JURISDICTIONS.	Lodge Members, Dec. 31, 1917.	Rebekah Lodge Members, Dec. 31, 1917.	Official Certificate Books sold to Grand Lodges and Rebekah Assemblies within twelve months.	Encampment Members, Dec. 31, 1917.	Official Certificate Books sold to Grand Encampments within twelve months.
Alabama	18,386	1,861	202	595	....
Alberta	7,690	3,075	300	655	....
Arizona	2,335	1,534	60	411	10
Arkansas	19,339	5,996	289	1,145	....
British Columbia	6,303	2,307	150	923	35
California	44,593	33,085	1,480	8,466	180
Colorado	14,448	9,024	315	2,103	42
Connecticut	25,851	9,600	680	5,643	110
Delaware	4,389	598	10	364	....
District of Columbia	1,805	906	42	274	8
Florida	4,410	2,205	94	432	10
Georgia	22,152	1,066	492	2,510	5
Idaho	7,720	6,045	203	1,270	25
Illinois	108,916	62,809	2,335	14,117	115
Indiana	84,925	45,762	2,890	18,387	200
Iowa	61,072	46,331	1,205	9,776	100
Kansas	50,541	31,597	1,060	4,649	70
Kentucky	25,389	3,731	226	1,961	20
Louisiana	2,967	1,133	42	424	....
Maine	26,569	25,014	555	6,320	60
Manitoba	9,506	5,436	175	1,027	20
Maritime Provinces	11,455	6,121	155	1,395	10
Maryland	16,105	3,029	315	2,095	15
Massachusetts	62,801	36,241	1,620	11,599	160
Michigan	71,360	45,599	1,380	13,634	80
Minnesota	24,836	15,477	638	3,544	45
Mississippi	2,057	222	58	165	....
Missouri	57,908	28,519	1,275	4,964	45
Montana	10,067	5,387	230	1,250	10
Nebraska	25,438	16,345	460	2,804	10
Nevada	1,904	1,716	55	315	5
New Hampshire	15,306	16,373	315	3,622	55
New Jersey	30,509	4,049	656	3,194	20
New Mexico	2,480	1,781	30	375	....
New York	134,435	58,870	3,125	17,563	285
North Carolina	11,697	2,847	170	921	5
North Dakota	7,943	3,751	90	1,116	....
Ohio	92,160	48,942	2,645	18,388	415
Oklahoma	34,641	12,868	885	2,149	5
Ontario	54,654	15,415	1,360	8,604	150
Oregon	20,149	18,348	485	4,050	60
Pennsylvania	174,618	31,380	1,435	20,923	130
Quebec	5,938	2,110	60	828	....
Rhode Island	6,689	4,125	195	1,157	15
Saskatchewan	8,471	3,969	150	771	10
South Carolina	2,554	142	11	272	....
South Dakota	13,722	10,062	290	2,665	30
Tennessee	23,994	4,717	290	1,043	10
Texas	38,465	11,588	750	2,211	5
Utah	3,211	1,558	79	413	10
Vermont	7,597	6,594	180	1,825	20
Virginia	26,634	2,597	625	1,397	10
Washington	26,913	22,649	650	5,352	65
West Virginia	31,386	9,098	646	5,280	74
Wisconsin	20,507	13,250	475	3,561	51
Wyoming	3,106	1,865	51	619	12
Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of The S. G. L.	.....	.....	14	.....	....
Totals	1,631,016	766,719	34,653	231,516	2,827

21 Books of Official Certificates were lost in the mail, or printed incorrectly, and duplicated without charge.

300 Books lost in transit; settlement pending.

FINANCIAL.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Received from sale of supplies	$78,156.59	
Representative Tax	15,300.00	
Dues	588.61	
Charter Fees	36.00	
Interest on Deposits and Bonds	6,699.88	
Cr.		
Paid to Grand Treasurer as per receipts 1 to 56		$100,781.08
	$100,781.08	$100,781.08

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Supplies on hand August 1, 1917	$19,079.66	
Expended for supplies	43,420.45	
Profit on supplies	37,374.79	
Cr.		
Value of sales of supplies		$78,930.30
Supplies on hand August 1, 1918		20,944.60
	$99,874.90	$99,874.90
Gross profit on supplies		37,374.79
Net profit on supplies	37,374.79	
	$137,249.69	$137,249.69

GRAND TREASURER.

Dr.

Balance on hand August 1, 1917	$52,445.36	
Amount paid as per receipts 1 to 56	100,781.08	

Cr.

By warrants drawn on Grand Treasurer		$117,404.53
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, July 31, 1918		35,821.91
	$153,226.44	$153,226.44

Financial—Continued.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES *from August 1st*, 1917, *to July 31st*, 1918.

LIST OF ITEMS.	Appropriations.	Expended during the year.	Unexpended.	Exceeded.
Mileage and Per Diem—Session 1917	$29,031 90	$29,031 90	.....	.....
Daily Journal	1,000 00	808 76	$191 24	.....
Journal of Proceedings	4,000 00	4,480 46	.....	$480 46
Odes, Cards and Diplomas	8,500 00	9,016 59	.....	516 59
Books and Charts	6,000 00	5,546 88	453 12	.....
Jewels and P. M. Badges	34,000 00	28,401 63	5,598 37	.....
P. M. Supplies	800 00	455 35	344 65	.....
Salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	4,500 00	4,500 00	.....	.....
Salary Assistant Grand Secretary	2,400 00	2,400 00	.....	.....
Salary Grand Treasurer	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	.....
Salary General Commanding	3,500 00	3,500 00	.....	.....
Salary Stenographer and Bookkeeper	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	.....
Salary Janitor and Shipping Clerk	900 00	900 00	.....	.....
Clerk Hire and Expenses Grand Sire	4,000 00	4,000 00	.....	.....
Miscellaneous Incidentals	1,200 00	1,091 62	108 38	.....
Bonds of Grand Officers	175 00	175 00	.....	.....
Fuel Grand Secretary's Office	200 00	166 73	33 27	.....
Box Rent Grand Treasurer	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Office Supplies, Furniture and Fixtures	1,200 00	1,118 60	81 40	.....
Duty on Supplies to Canada	300 00	128 24	171 76	.....
Reports of Grand Officers	900 00	858 60	41 40	.....
Mileage and Per Diem Committee on Printing Supplies	1,000 00	620 90	379 10	.....
Expense Bill, Session 1917	500 00	311 33	188 67	.....
Publishing Proclamations	600 00	465 00	135 00	.....
Official Reporter, C. W. Varnum	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Assistant Grand Messenger, W. M. Glenn	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Assistant Grand Messenger, Chas. E. Watson	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Assistant Grand Guardian, R. S. Fletcher	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Assistant Grand Guardian, H. C. Curran	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Assistant Grand Guardian, J. K. Neatherly	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Assistant Grand Messenger, Wm. Brooks	25 00	25 00	.....	.....
Assistant Grand Marshall, W. J. Russell	25 00	25 00	.....	.....
Mailing Clerk, Richard Hoe	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Special Messenger to Grand Secretary, G. W. Bruce	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Keeper of Register, R. G. Elliott	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Official Proofreader, G. W. Wright	70 30	70 30	.....	.....
Second Liberty Loan, U. S. Government Bonds	.....	15,060 33	.....	15,060 33
Relief Halifax Sufferers	.....	1,010 63	.....	1,010 63
War Record Cards	.....	255 68	.....	255 68
Totals	$107,807 20	$117,404 53	$7,726 36	$17,323 69

Financial—Continued.

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES *from August 1st, 1917, to July 31st, 1918.*

NAMES OF SUPPLIES.	On hand August 1st, 1917.		Received during the year.		Total Supplies.	
	Amount.	Value.	Amount.	Cost.	Amount.	Cost Value.
Books of Forms	902	$256 83	.....	.....	902	$256 83
Bound Journals	6,799	7,887 94	.....	.....	6,799	7,887 94
Cards, Visiting and Withdrawal	29,095	204 03	5,000	50 00	34,095	254 03
Cards, Visiting and Withdrawal, Rebekah	2,550	17 88	5,345	53 45	7,895	71 33
Cards, Non Contributing	3,382	41 09	.....	.....	3,382	41 09
Cards, Non Beneficial Visiting	.....	.....	3,160	39 50	3,160	39 50
Cards, Wife or Widow	3,203	33 80	.....	.....	3,203	33 80
Ceremonies, Anniversary	791	51 30	.....	.....	791	51 30
Ceremonies, Anniversary, Rebekah	824	51 94	.....	.....	824	51 94
Ceremonies, Dedicating Homes	401	27 60	.....	.....	401	27 60
Ceremonies, Funeral	1,610	58 23	3,075	168 75	4,685	226 98
Ceremonies, Rebekah Funeral	2,702	119 38	.....	.....	2,702	119 38
Ceremonies, Memorial	1,089	57 14	.....	.....	1,089	57 14
Ceremonies, Rebekah Memorial	1,382	46 97	.....	.....	1,382	46 97
Ceremonies, Opening and Closing, Lodge	942	101 76	.....	.....	942	101 76
Ceremonies, Opening and Closing, Encampment	451	72 16	.....	.....	451	72 16
Ceremonies, Opening and Closing, Rebekah	513	69 26	.....	.....	513	69 26
Ceremonies, Joint Public Installation	.....	.....	2,058	326 00	2,058	326 00
Certificates, Defunct	2,074	10 75	.....	.....	2,074	10 75
Certificates, Defunct, Rebekah	1,685	23 32	.....	.....	1,685	23 32
Certificates, Dismissal	8,974	56 90	4,900	32 50	13,874	89 40
Certificates, Dismissal, Rebekah	7,706	51 15	.....	.....	7,706	51 15
Certificates, Transfer	2,288	16 29	19,380	157 06	21,668	173 35
Certificates, Transfer, Rebekah	7,333	52 09	.....	.....	7,333	52 09
Certificates, Official	3,831	790 36	37,360	8,642 83	41,191	9,433 19
Charge Books, Lodge	147	49 44	.....	.....	147	49 44
Charts, Lodge	1,327	343 69	.....	.....	1,327	343 69
Charts, Encampment	912	368 91	.....	.....	912	368 91
Codes, Rebekah	197	29 05	.....	.....	197	29 05
Codes, S. G. L.	374	191 74	4,130	2,356 17	4,504	2,547 91
Diplomas and Charters	11,703	726 64	.....	.....	11,703	726 64
Floor Work, Lodge	133	16 15	1,085	192 58	1,218	208 73
Floor Work, Encampment	725	113 31	.....	.....	725	113 31
Floor Work, Rebekah	.....	.....	1,000	148 50	1,000	148 50
Installation Books, Lodge	459	56 06	.....	.....	459	56 06
Installation Books, Encampment	48	8 64	.....	.....	48	8 64
Installation Books, Rebekah	683	82 95	.....	.....	683	82 95
Institution and Installation Books, Lodge	318	58 39	.....	.....	318	58 39
Institution and Installation Books, Encampment	246	52 79	.....	.....	246	52 79
Institution and Installation Books, Rebekah	545	74 65	.....	.....	545	74 65
Jewels, Veteran	.....	.....	2,842	15,283 09	2,842	15,283 09
Jewels, Rebekah Veteran	5	16 69	378	1,218 14	383	1,234 83
Jewels, Honorable Veteran	2	31 55	122	1,871 88	124	1,903 43
Jewels, D. D. G. M. and D. D. G. P.	8	22 20	122	334 16	130	356 36
Jewels, D. D. President	3	22 05	8	35 10	11	57 15
Jewels, D. D. G. Sire	1	10 00	.....	.....	1	10 00

Jewels, Past President	1	32 00	53	1,744 84	54	1,776 84
Jewels, Past Grand Officers	3	69 00	97	2,013 57	100	2,082 57
Jewels, Veteran Buttons	1	70	930	565 90	931	566 60
Odes, Lodge and Rebekah	26,264	152 94	.....	.....	26,264	152 94
Odes, Encampment	7,092	113 14	.....	.....	7,092	113 14
Odes, Books with Music	372	66 89	1,000	273 50	1,372	340 39
Odes, Anniversary	4,193	15 70	.....	.....	4,193	15 70
Odes, Funeral	3,954	23 14	.....	.....	3,954	23 14
Petitions for Membership	20,048	46 98	15,000	41 25	35,048	88 23
Prayer Cards	2,331	14 72	.....	.....	2,331	14 72
Question Books	479	77 38	972	276 05	1,451	353 43
Rituals, Lodge	3,196	1,445 22	.....	.....	3,196	1,445 22
Rituals, Encampment	1,016	395 37	.....	.....	1,016	395 37
Rituals, Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment	211	67 17	.....	.....	211	67 17
Rituals, Rebekah	1,801	535 24	.....	.....	1,801	535 24
Rituals, Rebekah Assembly	49	19 33	.....	.....	49	19 33
Secret Work	7,327	633 56	18,061	1,805 33	25,388	2,438 89
Thought Links	335	16 71	.....	.....	335	16 71
Patriarchs Militant Supplies:						
Accountants' Receipt Books	158	99 71	.....	.....	158	99 71
Applications for Active Membership	2,358	15 77	3,000	18 00	5,358	33 77
Applications for Honorary Membership	2,895	19 62	.....	.....	2,895	19 62
Applications for Decoration of Chivalry	6,769	49 42	.....	.....	6,769	49 42
Ceremonies, Decoration of Chivalry	301	35 97	.....	.....	301	35 97
Ceremonies, Department Council	28	6 06	.....	.....	28	6 06
Ceremonies, Memorial	345	22 46	.....	.....	345	22 46
Ceremonies, Opening and Closing	254	39 64	.....	.....	254	39 64
Certificates, Canton Defunct	1,375	41 49	.....	.....	1,375	41 49
Certificates, Honorable Discharge	4,779	23 80	.....	.....	4,779	23 80
Certificates, Department Council	391	33 34	.....	.....	391	33 34
Certificates, Official, P. M.	159	46 36	375	129 75	534	176 11
Chevaliers' Rosters	92	83 06	.....	.....	92	83 06
Codes	1,252	261 03	.....	.....	1,252	261 03
Commandants' Money Order Books	45	27 10	.....	.....	45	27 10
Commissions, Officers' Active	1,283	77 27	2,880	177 60	4,163	254 87
Commissions, Officers' Retired	3,079	179 23	.....	.....	3,079	179 23
Drill Regulations	1,039	239 58	.....	.....	1,039	239 58
Jewels, Decoration of Chivalry	13	86 02	609	3,856 57	622	3,942 59
Jewels, Past Commandants	18	320 48	.....	1 75	18	322 23
Jewels, Past Department Commanders	3	119 22	1	36 94	4	156 16
Jewels, P. M. Badges	147	91 89	2,237	1,439 69	2,384	1,531 58
Medical Department Regulations and Trial Code	310	38 92	.....	.....	310	38 92
Papers Patent	5,962	456 25	1,000	125 00	6,962	581 25
Proclamations	374	49 69	.....	.....	374	49 69
Regulations and Army Register	3,333	33 33	.....	.....	3,333	33 33
Rituals	308	136 69	.....	.....	308	136 69
Roll Calls, Canton	35	6 12	.....	.....	35	6 12
Secret Work	250	21 00	.....	.....	250	21 00
Warrants, Canton	2,325	200 77	.....	.....	2,325	200 77
Warrants, Non-Commissioned	2,664	120 11	.....	. ...	2,664	120 11
Blanks, Seals, Letterheads, etc.	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Totals	229,380	$19,079 66	136,180	$43,420 45	365,560	$62,500 11

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STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES *from August 1st, 1917, to July 31st, 1918.*

NAMES OF SUPPLIES.	Disposed of from August 1st, 1917, to July 31st, 1918.			Profit and Loss.	On Hand July 31st, 1918.	
	Amount of Supplies.	Cash Value of Sales.	Cost Value.		Amount of Supplies.	Cash Value.
Books of Forms	459	$345 00	$130 70	*$214 30	443	$126 13
Bound Journals	35	4 50	40 61	—36 11	6,764	7,847 33
Cards, Visiting and Withdrawal	12,077	1,717 25	89 99	1,627 26	22,018	164 04
Cards, Visiting and Withdrawal, Rebekah	7,442	1,097 60	67 24	1,030 36	453	4 09
Cards, Non Contributing	30	4 50	36	4 14	3,352	40 73
Cards, Non Beneficial Visiting	51	7 65	63	7 02	3,109	38 87
Cards, Wife or Widow	31	4 65	33	4 32	3,172	33 47
Ceremonies, Anniversary	299	59 80	19 39	40 41	492	31 91
Ceremonies, Anniversary, Rebekah	210	42 00	13 23	28 77	614	38 71
Ceremonies, Dedicating Homes	....	....	....	....	401	27 60
Ceremonies, Funeral	1,651	330 20	79 99	250 21	3,034	146 99
Ceremonies, Rebekah Funeral	650	65 00	28 72	36 28	2,052	90 66
Ceremonies, Memorial	270	54 00	14 16	39 84	819	42 98
Ceremonies, Rebekah Memorial	331	66 20	11 25	54 95	1,051	35 72
Ceremonies, Opening and Closing, Lodge	34	8 50	3 68	4 82	908	98 08
Ceremonies, Opening and Closing, Encampment	....	....	....	....	451	72 16
Ceremonies, Opening and Closing, Rebekah	5	1 25	68	57	508	68 58
Ceremonies, Joint Public Installation	1,321	660 50	209 25	451 25	737	116 75
Certificates, Defunct	1,110	166 50	5 76	160 74	964	4 99
Certificates, Defunct, Rebekah	454	64 85	6 28	58 57	1,231	17 04
Certificates, Dismissal	4,688	701 35	30 21	671 14	9,186	59 19
Certificates, Dismissal, Rebekah	1,197	176 30	7 95	168 35	6,509	43 20
Certificates, Transfer	13,467	2,020 05	107 74	1,912 31	8,201	65 61
Certificates, Transfer, Rebekah	5,245	786 75	37 25	749 50	2,088	14 84
Certificates, Official	37,801	19,959 15	8,656 85	11,302 30	3,390	776 34
Charge Books, Lodge	....	....	....	....	147	49 44
Charts, Lodge	86	172 50	22 28	150 22	1,241	321 41
Charts, Encampment	12	24 00	4 85	19 15	900	364 06
Codes, Rebekah	145	37 25	21 39	15 86	52	7 66
Codes, S. G. L.	660	961 00	373 37	587 63	3,844	2,174 54
Diplomas and Charters	496	363 50	30 79	332 71	11,207	695 85
Floor Work, Lodge	234	70 20	40 11	30 09	984	168 62
Floor Work, Encampment	51	15 30	7 98	7 32	674	105 33
Floor Work, Rebekah	274	71 70	40 68	31 02	726	107 82
Installation Books, Lodge	64	32 00	7 82	24 18	395	48 24
Installation Books, Encampment	21	10 50	3 78	6 72	27	4 86
Installation Books, Rebekah	62	31 00	7 53	23 47	621	75 42
Institution and Installation Books, Lodge	11	5 50	2 01	3 49	307	56 38
Institution and Installation Books, Encampment	....	....	....	....	246	52 79
Institution and Installation Books, Rebekah	37	18 50	5 06	13 44	508	69 59
Jewels, Veteran	2,842	19,991 50	15,283 09	4,708 41	....	....
Jewels, Rebekah Veteran	378	1,850 75	1,218 14	632 61	5	16 69
	122	2,725 00	1,871 88	853 12	2	31 55

Jewels, Veteran	378	1,850 75	1,218 14	632 61	5	16 69
Jewels, Rebekah Veteran	122	2,725 00	1,871 88	853 12	2	31 65
Jewels, Honorable Veteran	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jewels, Past Grand Officers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jewels, Veteran Buttons	930	930 00	565 90	364 10	1	70
Odes, Lodge and Rebekah	17,676	594 33	102 95	491 38	8,588	49 99
Odes, Encampment	726	37 24	11 59	25 65	6,366	101 55
Odes, Books with music	344	172 00	85 35	86 65	1,028	255 04
Odes, Anniversary	125	3 75	46	3 29	4,068	15 24
Odes, Funeral	787	23 61	4 61	19 00	3,167	18 53
Petitions for Membership	18,700	95 50	47 08	48 42	16,348	41 15
Prayer Cards	55	1 65	35	1 30	2,276	14 37
Question Books	163	163 00	39 71	123 29	1,288	313 72
Rituals, Lodge	723	1,445 00	326 94	1,118 06	2,473	1,118 28
Rituals, Encampment	146	292 00	56 82	235 18	870	338 55
Rituals, Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment	6	12 00	1 92	10 08	205	65 25
Rituals, Rebekah	704	1,406 00	209 22	1,196 78	1,097	326 02
Rituals, Rebekah Assembly	9	18 00	3 56	14 44	40	15 77
Secret Work	15,631	3,922 25	1,501 59	2,420 66	9,757	937 30
Thought Links	10	1 00	49	51	325	16 22
Patriarchs Militant Supplies:						
Accountants' Receipt Books	11	11 50	6 95	4 55	147	92 76
Applications for Active Membership	3,666	41 55	23 11	18 44	1,692	10 66
Applications for Honorary Membership	36	1 08	25	83	2,859	19 37
Applications for Decoration of Chivalry	420	46 20	3 06	43 14	6,349	46 36
Ceremonies, Decoration of Chivalry	36	12 00	4 31	7 69	265	31 66
Ceremonies, Department Council	....	....	....	....	28	6 06
Ceremonies, Memorial	3	90	19	71	342	22 27
Ceremonies, Opening and Closing	....	....	....	....	254	39 64
Certificates, Canton Defunct	29	2 90	87	2 03	1,346	40 62
Certificates, Honorable Discharge	220	24 10	1 09	23 01	4,559	22 71
Certificates, Department Council	60	15 00	5 12	9 88	331	28 22
Certificates, Official, P. M.	243	148 60	80 13	68 47	291	95 98
Chevaliers' Rosters	4	6 75	3 62	3 13	88	79 44
Codes	108	44 20	22 52	21 68	1,144	238 51
Commandants' Money Order Books	17	17 50	10 24	7 26	28	16 86
Commissions, Officers' Active	2,135	689 50	130 71	558 79	2,028	124 16
Commissions, Officers' Retired	440	120 50	25 62	94 88	2,639	153 61
Drill Regulations	160	100 00	36 90	63 10	879	202 68
Jewels, Decoration of Chivalry	609	5,020 80	3,856 57	1,164 23	13	86 02
Jewels, Past Commandants	4	80 00	71 61	8 39	14	250 62
Jewels, Past Department Commanders	1	45 00	36 94	8 06	3	119 22
Jewels, P. M. Badges	2,279	2,884 25	1,464 12	1,420 13	105	67 46
Medical Department Regulations and Trial Code	20	5 30	2 52	2 78	290	36 40
Papers Patent	1,074	193 00	89 66	103 34	5,888	491 59
Proclamations	5	4 25	66	3 59	369	49 03
Regulations and Army Register	....	....	....	....	3,333	33 33
Rituals	25	32 50	11 10	21 40	283	125 59
Roll Calls, Canton	15	4 00	2 63	1 37	20	3 49
Secret Work	100	8 25	8 40	19 85	150	12 60
Warrants, Canton	9	13 00	78	12 22	2,316	199 99
Warrants, Non-Commissioned	1,178	307 75	53 12	254 63	1,486	66 99
Blanks, Seals, Letterheads, etc.	....	6 34	5 00	1 34	....	....
Totals	164,278	$78,930 30	$41,555 51	$37,374 79	201,282	$20,944 60

* The minus sign repeated in this column denotes the items on which a loss is sustained.

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LEDGER ACCOUNTS.

ACCOUNTS.	Balances August 1st, 1917.		Debit.			Credit.	Balances July 31st, 1918.	
	Dr.	Cr.	Supplies and other charges.	Rep. tax and dues.	Total.	Cash.	Dr.	Cr.
Grand Lodges:								
Alabama	$691 25	.....	$556 30	$150 00	$706 30	$415 00	$982 55	.....
Alberta	7 00	.....	340 50	150 00	490 50	497 50	.....	.....
Arizona	.....	.....	285 50	150 00	435 50	435 50	.....	.....
Arkansas	64 50	.....	325 75	150 00	475 75	428 75	111 50	.....
Australasia	279 14	.....	157 00	.....	157 00	291 14	145 00	.....
British Columbia	.....	.....	351 50	150 00	501 50	501 50	.....	.....
California	.....	.....	1,725 00	150 00	1,875 00	1,875 00	.....	.....
Colorado	.....	.....	1,091 50	150 00	1,241 50	1,241 50	.....	.....
Connecticut	.....	.....	770 60	150 00	920 60	692 60	228 00	.....
Delaware	.....	.....	290 50	150 00	440 50	440 40	10	.....
Denmark	20 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 17	.....
District of Columbia	.....	.....	67 30	150 00	217 30	217 30	.....	.....
Florida	34 50	.....	150 00	150 00	300 00	328 50	6 00	.....
Georgia	66 25	.....	544 50	150 00	694 50	748 76	11 99	.....
Idaho	.....	.....	534 95	150 00	684 95	684 95	.....	.....
Illinois	.....	.....	5,207 00	150 00	5,357 00	5,357 00	.....	.....
Indiana	96 00	.....	2,289 25	150 00	2,439 25	2,406 25	129 00	.....
Iowa	.....	.....	1,738 00	150 00	1,888 00	1,716 00	172 00	.....
Kansas	.....	.....	2,937 50	150 00	3,087 50	3,087 50	.....	.....
Kentucky	.....	$52 29	258 70	150 00	408 70	377 50	.....	$21 09
Louisiana	.....	.....	203 55	150 00	353 55	353 55	.....	.....
Maine	.....	.....	461 25	150 00	611 25	572 75	38 50	.....
Manitoba	.....	.....	396 75	150 00	546 75	546 75	.....	.....
Maritime Provinces	.....	.....	379 45	150 00	529 45	529 45	.....	.....
Maryland	.....	.....	248 91	150 00	398 91	405 91	.....	7 00
Massachusetts	.....	.....	2,260 38	150 00	2,410 38	2,410 38	.....	.....
Michigan	21 00	.....	1,771 75	150 00	1,921 75	1,899 75	43 00	.....
Minnesota	.....	.....	592 00	150 00	742 00	742 00	.....	.....
Mississippi	7 00	.....	96 75	150 00	246 75	215 00	38 75	.....
Missouri	.....	.....	1,166 45	150 00	1,316 45	1,158 15	158 30	.....
Montana	.....	.....	632 00	150 00	782 00	782 00	.....	.....
Nebraska	.....	.....	599 55	150 00	749 55	749 55	.....	.....
Netherlands	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	.....
Nevada	.....	.....	128 25	150 00	278 25	278 25	.....	.....
New Hampshire	.....	.....	455 30	150 00	605 30	605 30	.....	.....

New Hampshire	.....	.....	455 30	150 00	605 30	605 30	.....	.....
New Jersey	.....	.....	768 50	150 00	918 50	918 50	.....	.....
New Mexico	.....	.....	101 90	150 00	251 90	251 90	.....	.....
New York	.....	.....	4,388 50	150 00	4,538 50	4,538 50	.....	.....
North Carolina	.....	.....	185 10	150 00	335 10	335 10	.....	.....
North Dakota	.....	.....	271 00	150 00	421 00	421 00	.....	.....
Ohio	.....	7 75	1,810 50	150 00	1,960 50	1,960 50	.....	7 75
Oklahoma	.....	.....	1,672 20	150 00	1,822 20	1,822 20	.....	.....
Ontario	.....	.....	3,944 32	150 00	4,094 32	4,094 32	.....	.....
Oregon	.....	.....	1,569 25	150 00	1,719 25	1,719 25	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	70 50	.....	3,986 75	150 00	4,136 75	3,999 75	207 50	.....
Quebec	.....	.....	488 80	150 00	638 80	638 80	.....	.....
Rhode Island	.....	.....	299 10	150 00	449 10	449 10	.....	.....
Saskatchewan	141 00	.....	293 90	150 00	443 90	584 90	.....	.....
South Carolina	.....	.....	29 20	150 00	179 20	179 20	.....	.....
South Dakota	.....	.....	508 96	150 00	658 96	659 56	.....	60
Sweden	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....
Tennessee	.....	.....	554 50	150 00	704 50	704 50	.....	.....
Texas	6 00	.....	1,165 00	150 00	1,315 00	1,288 00	33 00	.....
Utah	229 95	.....	145 80	150 00	295 80	350 00	175 75	.....
Vermont	2 00	.....	238 80	150 00	388 80	379 30	11 50	.....
Virginia	.....	.....	545 60	150 00	695 60	695 60	.....	.....
Washington	.....	3 00	2,017 70	150 00	2,167 70	2,164 70	.....	.....
West Virginia	.....	.....	1,284 50	150 00	1,434 50	1,431 50	3 00	.....
Wisconsin	247 75	.....	979 10	150 00	1,129 10	1,184 85	192 00	.....
Wyoming	.....	.....	230 69	150 00	380 69	380 69	.....	.....
Grand Encampments:								
Alabama	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....	.....
Alberta	.....	.....	57 85	75 00	132 85	132 85	.....	.....
Arizona	.....	.....	10 40	75 00	85 40	85 40	.....	.....
Arkansas	166 50	.....	.....	150 00	150 00	138 50	178 00	.....
British Columbia	.....	.....	20 10	75 00	95 10	95 10	.....	.....
California	.....	.....	168 72	150 00	318 72	318 72	.....	.....
Colorado	.....	.....	61 30	150 00	211 30	212 50	.....	1 20
Connecticut	6 00	.....	98 50	150 00	248 50	254 50	.....	.....
Delaware	.....	.....	4 50	75 00	79 50	79 50	.....	.....
District of Columbia	.....	.....	5 25	75 00	80 25	80 25	.....	.....
Florida	.....	60	6 40	75 00	81 40	80 40	40	.....
Georgia	28 00	.....	62 00	150 00	212 00	197 00	43 00	.....
Idaho	.....	.....	80 50	150 00	230 50	230 50	.....	.....
Illinois	.....	.....	162 70	150 00	312 70	312 70	.....	.....
Indiana	18 00	.....	142 50	150 00	292 50	310 50	.....	.....
Iowa	3 00	.....	109 50	150 00	259 50	262 50	.....	.....
Kansas	6 00	.....	85 92	150 00	235 92	241 92	.....	.....
Kentucky	.....	.....	72 50	150 00	222 50	222 50	.....	.....
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....	.....
Maine	.....	.....	53 25	150 00	203 25	201 75	1 50	.....
Manitoba	.....	.....	44 30	150 00	194 30	44 30	150 00	.....
Maritime Provinces	.....	.....	9 00	150 00	159 00	159 00	.....	.....

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LEDGER ACCOUNTS.

ACCOUNTS.	Balances August 1st, 1917.		Debit.			Credit.	Balances July 31st, 1918.	
	Dr.	Cr.	Supplies and other charges.	Rep. tax and dues.	Total.	Cash.	Dr.	Cr.
Grand Encampments:								
Maryland	.....	.....	$42 50	$150 00	$192 50	$192 50	.....	.....
Massachusetts	.....	.....	135 10	150 00	285 10	285 10	.....	.....
Michigan	.....	.....	131 30	150 00	281 30	278 30	$ 3 00	.....
Minnesota	.....	$1 10	30 75	150 00	180 75	180 75	.....	$1 10
Mississippi	$75 00	.....	.....	75 00	75 00	150 00	.....	.....
Missouri	.....	.....	34 00	150 00	184 00	184 00	.....	.....
Montana	.....	.....	26 00	150 00	176 00	176 00	.....	.....
Nebraska	.....	.....	18 50	150 00	168 50	168 50	.....	.....
Nevada	.....	.....	13 75	75 00	88 75	88 75	.....	.....
New Hampshire	.....	.....	28 00	150 00	178 00	178 00	.....	.....
New Jersey	.....	.....	46 00	150 00	196 00	196 00	.....	.....
New Mexico	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....	.....
New York	.....	.....	226 25	150 00	376 25	376 25	.....	.....
North Carolina	79 50	.....	3 00	75 00	78 00	157 50	.....	.....
North Dakota	.....	.....	16 10	150 00	166 10	166 10	.....	.....
Ohio	.....	.....	234 00	150 00	384 00	360 00	24 00	.....
Oklahoma	3 00	.....	12 00	150 00	162 00	165 00	.....	.....
Ontario	.....	.....	238 00	150 00	388 00	388 00	.....	.....
Oregon	.....	.....	93 50	150 00	243 50	240 50	3 00	.....
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	191 50	150 00	341 50	341 50	.....	.....
Quebec	.....	.....	32 50	75 00	107 50	108 10	.....	60
Rhode Island	.....	.....	39 60	150 00	189 60	189 60	.....	.....
Saskatchewan	.....	.....	65 00	75 00	140 00	140 00	.....	.....
South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	.....	.....
South Dakota	.....	.....	14 25	150 00	164 25	164 25	.....	.....
Tennessee	.....	.....	8 50	150 00	158 50	158 50	.....	.....
Texas	10	.....	69 60	150 00	219 60	216 70	3 00	.....
Utah	.....	.....	43 60	75 00	118 60	.....	118 60	.....
Vermont	.....	50	25 05	150 00	175 05	175 05	.....	50
Virginia	.....	1 00	17 80	150 00	167 80	166 90	.....	10
Washington	.....	4 00	75 00	150 00	225 00	225 00	.....	4 00
West Virginia	.....	.....	146 80	150 00	296 80	296 80	.....	.....
Wisconsin	.....	.....	92 00	150 00	242 00	214 00	28 00	.....
Wyoming	.....	.....	5 40	75 00	80 40	80 40	.....	.....

ebekah Assemblies:								
Alabama	.....	.....	54 20	.....	54 20	54 20	.....	.....
Alberta	.....	.....	135 55	.....	135 55	135 55	.....	.....
Arkansas	.....	.....	65 05	.....	65 05	65 05	.....	.....
British Columbia	20 99	.....	120 59	.....	120 59	141 58	.....	.....
California	.....	.....	592 75	.....	592 75	592 75	.....	.....
Colorado	.....	14	443 70	.....	443 70	446 70	.....	3 14
Connecticut	.....	.....	37 00	.....	37 00	37 00	.....	.....
Florida	4 05	.....	111 05	.....	111 05	107 10	8 00	.....
Georgia	.....	50	55 60	.....	55 60	55 60	.....	50
Idaho	.....	.....	280 94	.....	280 94	280 94	.....	.....
Illinois	.....	.....	825 25	.....	825 25	825 25	.....	.....
Indiana	.....	.....	37 00	.....	37 00	37 00	.....	.....
Iowa	.....	.....	107 25	.....	107 25	107 25	.....	.....
Kansas	142 00	.....	421 75	.....	421 75	563 75	.....	.....
Kentucky	.....	.....	16 40	.....	16 40	16 40	.....	.....
Louisiana	.....	.....	87 10	.....	87 10	81 20	5 90	.....
Maine	.....	.....	39 50	.....	39 50	39 50	.....	.....
Manitoba	.....	.....	90 50	.....	90 50	95 50	.....	5 00
Maritime Provinces	01	.....	63 30	.....	63 30	61 30	2 01	.....
Maryland	.....	.....	59 81	.....	59 81	59 81	.....	.....
Michigan	3 00	.....	572 80	.....	572 80	538 00	37 80	.....
Minnesota	.....	.....	195 90	.....	195 90	195 90	.....	.....
Mississippi	.....	05	7 95	.....	7 95	7 95	.....	05
Missouri	3 00	.....	324 90	.....	324 90	327 90	.....	.....
Montana	.....	.....	279 85	.....	279 85	276 85	3 00	.....
Nebraska	.....	1 05	204 25	.....	204 25	205 45	.....	2 25
Nevada	.....	.....	43 00	.....	43 00	43 00	.....	.....
New Hampshire	.....	.....	37 00	.....	37 00	37 00	.....	.....
New Jersey	.....	.....	90 90	.....	90 90	90 90	.....	.....
New Mexico	.....	10	43 00	.....	43 00	43 00	.....	10
New York	.....	.....	131 00	.....	131 00	131 00	.....	.....
North Carolina	.....	.....	37 00	.....	37 00	37 00	.....	.....
North Dakota	.....	.....	37 00	.....	37 00	37 00	.....	.....
Ohio	.....	.....	518 25	.....	518 25	518 25	.....	.....
Oklahoma	.....	.....	280 00	.....	280 00	280 00	.....	.....
Ontario	.....	.....	318 25	.....	318 25	318 25	.....	.....
Oregon	.....	.....	174 45	.....	174 45	174 45	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	270 00	.....	270 00	270 00	.....	.....
Quebec	.....	.....	20 30	.....	20 30	20 30	.....	.....
Saskatchewan	19 44	.....	91 75	.....	91 75	109 19	2 00	.....
South Carolina	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20
Tennessee	.....	1 75	38 75	.....	38 75	37 00	.....	.....
Texas	.....	.....	251 00	.....	251 00	251 00	.....	.....
Utah	17 10	.....	85 00	.....	85 00	102 10	.....	.....
Vermont	.....	.....	148 00	.....	148 00	148 00	.....	.....
Washington	.....	.....	435 05	.....	435 05	435 05	.....	.....
West Virginia	22 80	.....	164 60	.....	164 60	187 40	.....	.....
Wisconsin	.....	.....	37 00	.....	37 00	37 00	.....	.....
Wyoming	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....

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LEDGER ACCOUNTS.

ACCOUNTS.	Balances August 1st, 1917.		Debit.			Credit.	Balances July 31st, 1918.	
	Dr.	Cr.	Supplies and other charges.	Rep. tax and dues.	Total.	Cash.	Dr.	Cr.
Departments:								
British Columbia	.....	$2 20	$88 75	.....	$88 75	$88 25	.....	$1 70
California	.....	5 40	813 55	.....	813 55	813 05	.....	4 90
Colorado	.....	.....	179 20	.....	179 20	179 20	.....	.....
Connecticut	.....	.....	20 00	.....	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
Idaho	.....	.....	328 25	.....	328 25	328 25	.....	.....
Illinois	.....	.....	479 75	.....	479 75	479 75	.....	.....
Indiana	.....	.....	51 65	.....	51 65	51 65	.....	.....
Iowa	$94 44	.....	786 35	.....	786 35	882 25	.....	1 46
Kansas	.....	10 00	197 43	.....	197 43	187 43	.....	.....
Maine	45 00	.....	493 90	.....	493 90	538 90	.....	.....
Maryland	.....	.....	68 75	.....	68 75	68 65	.....	.....
Massachusetts	.....	.....	233 30	.....	233 30	233 30	.....	.....
Michigan	62 50	.....	941 05	.....	941 05	1,003 55	.....	.....
Minnesota	.....	1 50	166 25	.....	166 25	166 25	.....	1 50
Missouri	.....	1 50	51 60	.....	51 60	54 60	.....	4 50
Montana	.....	16 09	335 24	.....	335 24	319 24	.....	09
Nebraska	.....	.....	85 20	.....	85 20	85 20	.....	.....
New Hampshire	.....	.....	182 50	.....	182 50	183 50	.....	1 00
New Jersey	.....	.....	50 20	.....	50 20	50 20	.....	.....
New York	.....	.....	729 95	.....	729 95	729 95	.....	.....
Ohio	.....	.....	852 85	.....	852 85	852 85	.....	.....
Oklahoma	.....	.....	155 90	.....	155 90	155 90	.....	.....
Ontario	.....	.....	335 70	.....	335 70	335 70	.....	.....
Oregon	.....	1 25	170 40	.....	170 40	170 40	.....	1 25
Pennsylvania	.....	2 40	257 65	.....	257 65	257 65	.....	2 40
South Dakota	.....	.....	14 75	.....	14 75	14 75	.....	.....
Tennessee	.....	.....	11 50	.....	11 50	10 50	$1 00	.....
Texas	.....	6 60	249 80	.....	249 80	249 80	.....	6 60
Vermont	.....	.....	54 80	.....	54 80	55 20	.....	40
Virginia	.....	.....	24 95	.....	24 95	24 75	20	.....
Washington	.....	.....	534 30	.....	534 30	534 30	.....	.....
West Virginia	8 85	.....	20 70	.....	20 70	29 55	.....	.....
Wisconsin	60	.....	200 40	.....	200 40	200 75	25	.....
Cantons and Chevaliers	2 75	11 64	739 90	.....	739 90	745 90	1 75	16 64

Subordinate Lodges:								
Cuba, No. 3, Cuba	.....	26 39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 39
Havana, No. 4, Cuba	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20
Hijos del Trabajos, No. 7, Cuba	.....	.....	40 00	.....	40 00	40 00	.....	.....
La Gloria, No. 8, Cuba	.....	.....	.....	12 07	12 07	12 07	.....	.....
Camaguey, No. 9, Cuba	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Excelsior, No. 1, Hawaii	.....	.....	69 40	120 00	189 40	189 40	.....	.....
Harmony, No. 3, Hawaii	.....	1 00	.....	195 20	195 20	195 20	.....	1 00
Far East, No. 1, Japan	12 50	.....	.....	27 12	27 12	39 62	.....	.....
Ridgely, No. 1, Mexico	.....	.....	1 00	21 13	22 13	22 13	.....	.....
Colorado, No. 7, Mexico	.....	3 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 40
Isthmian Canal, No. 1, Panama	.....	.....	.....	52 49	52 49	52 49	.....	.....
Gatun, No. 5, Panama	.....	.....	75	48 41	49 16	49 16	.....	.....
Manila, No. 1, Philippine Islands	.....	.....	.....	40 34	40 34	40 44	.....	.....
Luzon, No. 2, Philippine Islands	.....	.....	40 00	16 25	56 25	56 25	.....	.....
Subordinate Encampments:								
Polynesia, No. 1, Hawaii	.....	.....	.....	43 20	43 20	43 20	.....	.....
Jas. L. Ridgely, No. 1, Mexico	.....	1 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 03
City of Mexico, No. 2, Mexico	.....	1 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 21
Manila, No. 1, Philippine Islands	.....	.....	.....	12 40	12 40	12 40	.....	.....
Klondike, No. 1, Yukon Territory	.....	1 38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 38
Fidelity Trust Co., Baltimore, Md	.....	.....	699 88	.....	699 88	699 88	.....	.....
City of Philadelphia, 3½% Bonds	.....	.....	3,500 00	.....	3,500 00	3,500 00	.....	.....
Lake Shore & Mich. So. Ry., 4% Bonds	.....	.....	2,200 00	.....	2,200 00	2,200 00	.....	.....
Interest on 4% U. S. Liberty Bonds	.....	.....	300 00	.....	300 00	300 00	.....	.....
Rebekah Lodges and Individuals	.....	6 70	512 54	.....	512 54	43 70	468 84	6 70
Totals	$2,829 14	$176 67	$85,666 18	$16,113 61	$101,779 79	$100,781 08	$3,792 86	$141 68

Included in the total of "Supplies and other charges," are the following charges: For interest, $6,699.88; for charter fees, $36.00, making a total of $6,735 88.

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

Grand Lodges	$64,148.16
Grand Encampments	10,368.44
Rebekah Assemblies	8,667.37
Departments	9,355.37
Cantons and Chevaliers	745.90
Lodges	696.66
Encampments	55.60
Rebekah Lodges and Individuals	43.70
Interest on Deposits and Bonds	6,699.88
	$100,781.08

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Dr.

Ninety-third Annual Session:			
Mileage and Per Diem	$29,031.90		
Journal of Proceedings	4,480.46		
Officers' Reports	858.60		
Daily Journal	808.76		
Expenses of Committees, etc.	701.63	$35,881.35	
Annual Expenses		20,561.95	
Duty on Supplies to Canada		128.24	
Publishing Proclamations		465.00	
Mileage and Per Diem Committee on Printing Supplies		620.90	
Relief Halifax Sufferers		1,010.63	
War Record Cards		255.68	

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Profit on Supplies		$37,374.79
Representative Tax		15,525.00
Dues		588.61
Interest on Deposits and Bonds		6,699.88
Charter Fees		36.00
Balance Net Gain	1,300.53	
	$60,224.28	$60,224.28

ASSETS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer	$35,821.91
City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent Bonds	102,499.30
Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Ry. 4 per cent Bonds	49,988.75
Second Liberty Loan U. S. Government Bonds	15,060.33
Cash on deposit for Insurance	300.00
Steel and Electrotype Plates	15,587.26
Supplies at cost price	20,944.60
Sovereign Grand Lodge Building and Furniture	50,000.00
Adding Machine	196.00
Debtor Balances	3,651.18
	$294,049.33
Amount July 31, 1917	292,748.80
Increase	$1,300.53

Balance Sheet, *July 31st*, 1918.

ACCOUNTS.	Face of Ledger.		Supplies.		Profit and Loss.		Assets.		Balances.	
	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
Assets	.....	$292,748 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$292,748 80	.....	.....
Cash	$35,821 91	35,821 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Treasurer	153,226 44	117,404 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$35,821 91	.....
City of Philadelphia 3½% Bonds	102,499 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102,499 30	.....
Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry. 4% Bonds	49,988 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49,988 75	.....
Second Liberty Loan U.S. Government Bonds	15,060 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,060 33	.....
Supplies	62,500 11	78,930 30	$62,500 11	$78,930 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand and Subordinate Bodies and Individuals	104,608 93	100,957 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,651 18	.....
Ninety-third Annual Session	35,881 35	.....	.....	.....	$35,881 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Annual Expenses	20,561 95	.....	.....	.....	20,561 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Steel and Electrotype Plates	15,587 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,587 26	.....
Sovereign Grand Lodge Building and Furniture	50,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50,000 00	.....
Adding Machine	196 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	196 00	.....
Deposit for Insurance on Building	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	.....
Interest on Deposits and Bonds	.....	6,699 88	.....	.....	.....	6,699 88	.....	.....	.....	.....
Representative Tax and Dues	.....	16,113 61	.....	.....	.....	16,113 61	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charter Fees	.....	36 00	.....	.....	.....	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Supplies to Canada	128 24	.....	.....	.....	128 24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Publishing Proclamations	465 00	.....	.....	.....	465 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mileage and Per Diem Committee on Printing Supplies	620 90	.....	.....	.....	620 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Relief Halifax Sufferers	1,010 63	.....	.....	.....	1,010 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
War Record Cards	255 68	.....	.....	.....	255 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$648,712 78	$648,712 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Stock Aug. 1st, 1918		.....	20,944 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,944 60	.....
	Profit on Supplies		37,374 79	.....	.....	37,374 79	.....	.....	.....	.....
			$99,874 90	$99,874 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			Net Profit		1,300 53	.....	.....	1,300 53	.....	.....
					$60,224 28	$60,224 28	.....	.....	.....	.....
					Assets		$294,049 33	.....	.....	$294,049 33
							$294,049 33	$294,049 33	.....	.....
							Net Assets		$294,049 33	$294,049 33

THE PRESENT SESSION IN ST. LOUIS.

At the Louisville session action was taken for meeting this year in the City of St. Louis, the Metropolis of the great Jurisdiction of Missouri. Here we will be all the while under the good fraternal influence of the Order, and find everything provided for the comfort of all attending. In other respects the session will be a business one without the usual features of demonstration as on former occasions. We congratulate the Order in St. Louis and Missouri on this course, which conforms to the condition through which the country is passing in the contest for human liberty and freedom, which is to go on until won. Under such serious surroundings but little, if any, demonstration would be expected, but everything points to a pleasant and successful session and legislation for the continued growth and upbuilding of Odd Fellowship in all its branches.

THE WORK OF GRAND SIRE GOUDY.

Last year it was my privilege to refer briefly to the work of Brother Goudy, our able and beloved Grand Sire, as rendered by him up to that time, but since then he has had a busy and useful year of service during which he has accomplished much for the good of the Order. Prevailing conditions have demanded extraordinary service and attention, and these he has at all times fully and ably met and discharged. He has contributed largely to a demonstration of the fact that the principles of our Order are good for experiences growing out of war, as for times of peace, and has to a large extent participated in the application of these principles accordingly.

With the present session, Brother Goudy's duties as Grand Sire will terminate, but his active useful interest in the Order will continue and all will remember with great admiration and fraternal satisfaction the splendid record he has made as Grand Sire, and the love of all will attend him.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

One serving in this position could not fail to appreciate the many and continuous acts of fraternal co-operation and kindness extended by all having official relations with the office. Grateful acknowledgment is here and now made to all for the generous kindness received, and while it is not possible to mention all who have contributed to this never-to-be-forgotten fund of precious acts and deeds, those in most constant official relation in the work should be separately and gratefully mentioned for official co-operation, and these include Grand Sire Goudy, Deputy Grand Sire Borst, Grand Treasurer Cox, Brother Leedy, Chairman of the Committee on Printing Supplies, Brother Oliver, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and all members of both committees.

To these it is a pleasure to add for grateful appreciation for valuable service all the faithful help of the office.

CONCLUSION.

A consideration of the foregoing report will show the work accomplished and progress made in 1917, which under the somewhat adverse circumstances, must be gratifying to all lovers of the Order. This advancement contributes to the record being made for the Centennial to

be celebrated in 1919, and for which the Order throughout the world is already making preparation. During its existence of nearly a century of active work our Order has contributed largely to the uplift of mankind, and is a recognized leader in this important field. Every passing year but increases its power for good, and adds to its strength in extending usefulness and promoting good will.

Fraternally submitted,

John B. Goodwin

Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL, PATRIARCHS MILITANT

The following report as Adjutant-General, giving the work and condition of the Patriarchs Militant at the end of 1917, is herewith presented and shows that during the past year a substantial net increase in membership has been made.

In conformity with the law of 1909, Col. Fred. A. Groom, Military Secretary, filed with this office a compilation from Departments for the year 1917, which is attached hereto and shows the conditions existing in this branch of the Order.

Report of Department Councils and Cantons *for year ending December 31st, 1917.*

Departments.	Number of Cantons.	Battalions.	Regiments.	Brigades.	Divisions.	Membership December 31, 1916.	Admitted.	Error.	Total.	From which deduct: Discharged.	Deceased.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Error.	Total.	Membership December 31, 1917.
Alberta	2	....	....	....	....	129	15	....	144	....	....	12	....	....	12	132
Arizona	3	....	....	....	....	122	24	....	146	1	1	2	1	2	7	139
Arkansas	3	....	....	....	....	77	1	....	78	....	1	9	....	....	10	68
British Columbia..	5	2	1	....	....	131	60	....	191	1	1	11	....	....	13	178
California	33	8	4	2	1	1,742	85	....	1,827	31	24	58	1	....	114	1,713
Colorado	22	4	2	1	....	559	49	....	608	4	2	22	....	....	28	580
Connecticut	6	2	1	....	....	271	23	....	294	....	1	....	....	....	1	293
Delaware	1	....	....	....	....	52	6	....	58	....	....	....	....	....	....	58
Denmark	1	....	....	....	....	31	2	....	33	....	....	....	....	....	....	33
Dist. of Columbia.	1	....	....	....	....	103	....	....	103	....	3	....	....	....	3	100
Florida	1	....	....	....	....	....	17	....	17	....	....	....	....	....	....	17
Georgia	1	....	....	....	....	66	....	....	66	....	....	51	....	....	51	15
Hawaii	1	....	....	....	....	26	....	....	26	....	....	....	....	....	....	26
Idaho	11	6	2	1	....	243	31	....	274	4	1	14	....	....	19	255
Illinois	39	12	4	2	1	1,123	157	....	1,280	9	12	71	3	....	95	1,185
Indiana	22	....	4	2	1	889	102	....	991	9	12	86	7	....	114	877
Iowa	44	12	4	2	1	1,381	94	23	1,498	8	14	80	55	....	157	1,341
Kansas	21	8	2	1	....	496	26	....	522	....	3	19	1	8	31	491
Kentucky	2	....	....	....	....	57	5	....	62	....	....	4	....	....	4	58
Louisiana	3	....	....	....	....	80	....	....	80	....	....	2	....	....	2	78
Maine	24	6	2	1	....	1,621	150	....	1,771	11	24	83	....	....	118	1,653
Manitoba	3	....	....	....	....	212	9	....	221	....	6	8	....	....	14	207
Maryland	6	1	....	....	....	268	7	....	275	1	4	6	....	....	11	264
Massachusetts	25	12	6	2	1	1,211	80	....	1,291	29	20	41	....	44	134	1,157
Michigan	36	16	4	2	1	1,366	340	....	1,706	19	20	90	....	....	129	1,577
Minnesota	22	6	2	1	....	837	72	....	909	7	12	42	1	....	62	847
Missouri	12	6	2	1	....	369	44	....	413	1	5	18	5	....	29	384
Montana	13	3	1	....	....	346	93	....	439	25	7	24	....	....	56	383
Maritime Prov....	4	....	....	....	....	213	5	....	218	....	1	44	....	....	45	173
Nebraska	20	7	2	1	....	495	12	....	507	4	2	67	....	....	73	434
Nevada	1	....	....	....	....	25	....	....	25	....	....	....	....	....	....	25
New Hampshire ...	12	6	2	1	....	707	53	....	760	11	9	41	....	....	61	699
New Jersey	6	2	....	....	....	141	10	....	151	1	1	6	....	....	8	143
New Mexico	1	....	....	....	....	26	....	....	26	....	....	....	....	....	....	26
New York	58	19	6	2	1	2,431	268	....	2,699	28	38	117	2	....	185	2,514
North Carolina ...	2	....	....	....	....	121	....	....	121	....	....	29	....	10	39	82
North Dakota	4	....	....	....	....	125	15	....	140	7	....	44	....	....	51	89
Ohio	46	18	6	2	1	2,217	215	....	2,432	9	26	47	4	24	110	2,322
Oklahoma	13	4	2	1	....	327	72	....	399	3	3	43	....	....	49	350
Ontario	18	7	2	1	....	779	131	....	910	28	9	23	....	....	60	850
Oregon	12	5	2	1	....	305	21	....	326	1	2	37	....	....	40	286
Pennsylvania	40	12	4	2	....	1,593	195	....	1,788	14	21	108	1	99	243	1,545
Rhode Island.....	2	....	....	....	....	91	8	1	100	3	....	....	....	....	3	97
Saskatchewan	2	....	....	....	....	127	....	....	127	1	....	2	....	....	3	124
South Dakota.....	9	3	1	....	....	271	35	....	306	1	2	13	....	....	16	290
Tennessee	6	....	....	....	....	227	....	....	227	....	....	....	....	131	131	96
Texas	13	6	2	1	....	534	63	....	597	9	5	36	....	4	54	543
Utah	3	....	....	....	....	109	32	....	141	....	6	6	....	35	47	94
Vermont	10	3	1	....	....	492	46	....	538	8	9	14	2	....	33	505
Virginia	10	3	1	....	....	205	....	....	205	....	....	....	....	....	....	205
Washington	20	8	4	2	1	558	69	....	627	3	5	70	....	....	78	549
West Virginia.....	9	4	1	....	....	274	8	....	282	2	....	8	....	....	10	272
Wisconsin	22	6	2	1	....	512	34	....	546	5	5	2	1	....	13	533
Wyoming	3	....	....	....	....	83	5	....	88	....	....	....	....	....	....	88
Totals	709	217	79	33	9	26,796	2,789	24	29,609	298	317	1510	84	357	2,566	27,043

*No report.

Note.—In accordance with orders from the General Commanding, the following Cantons, reporting direct to Headquarters were mustered out, during the year: Canton Atlanta No. 2; Augusta No. 7, Department of Georgia; Canton La Tour No. 3, Department of Maritime Provinces: Canton Pasquotank No. 4, Department of North Carolina; Canton Dakota No. 10, Department of North Dakota.

It is also noted in the Department reports that the warrants of several Cantons have been recalled, which explains the loss of 11 Cantons. Notwithstanding this a net gain of 247 is shown.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNCILS AND CANTONS *for year ending December 31st, 191*

DEPARTMENTS.	Property on hand Dec. 31, 1916.	Property on hand Dec. 31, 1917.	Estimated value of uniforms and equipment belonging to individual members.	Total belonging to cantons and individuals.	Money on hand Dec. 31, 1916.	Received during the year.	Total.	Expended during the year.	Money on hand
Alberta ...	$348 41	$344 41	$5,195 00	$5,539 41	$309 89	$327 19	$637 08	$116 76	$52
Ariz.	926 00	1,026 00	1,270 00	2,296 00	246 73	177 95	424 68	254 85	16
Ark.	775 00	75 00	1,700 00	1,775 00	193 75	58 48	252 23	61 84	19
Brit. Col...	334 60	596 60	4,900 00	5,496 60	230 50	701 70	932 20	684 15	24
Cal.	14,739 82	18,892 62	49,516 34	68,408 96	3,410 15	7,130 66	10,540 81	6,660 93	3,87
Colo.	625 00	1,527 03	10,126 00	11,653 03	254 66	1,466 83	1,721 49	1,257 24	46
Conn.	1,100 00	750 00	2,350 00	3,100 00	189 59	1,250 29	1,439 88	835 37	60
Del.	175 00	179 50	2,000 00	2,179 50	139 90	306 63	446 53	401 34	4
Denmark ..	2,250 00	2,300 00	1,750 00	4,050 00	176 05	264 80	440 85	278 68	16
D. C.....	1,107 00	1,107 00	2,500 00	3,607 00	75 93	335 55	411 48	349 52	6
Fla.	.....	48 40	215 00	263 40	.....	56 35	56 35	49 25	
Ga.	500 00	500 00	.....	500 00	60 05	.....	60 05	60 05	..
Hawaii	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	41 60	.....	41 60	.....	4
Idaho	1,351 35	1,525 25	7,959 08	9,484 33	525 63	567 30	1,092 93	562 70	53
Illinois	20,915 44	6,421 84	35,714 22	42,136 06	989 90	2,698 08	3,687 98	2,957 75	73
Ind.	5,641 92	5,943 64	18,975 00	24,818 64	1,255 48	1,717 17	2,972 65	1,877 49	1,09
Iowa	10,096 58	5,471 77	36,255 00	41,726 77	1,197 69	2,832 45	4,030 14	3,083 06	94
Kans.	390 80	240 75	12,650 00	12,890 75	483 46	719 22	1,202 68	727 16	47
Ky.	300 00	75 00	1,255 00	1,330 00	50 29	212 00	262 29	219 99	4
La.	576 90	526 00	1,500 00	2,026 00	41 78	36 05	77 83	27 30	5
Me.	9,577 32	6,317 07	45,514 15	51,831 22	2,515 14	3,270 97	5,786 11	3,427 35	2,35
Manitoba ..	74 00	670 00	3,800 00	4,470 00	237 91	166 29	404 20	68 24	33
Md.	4,917 00	4,517 00	8,962 00	13,479 00	213 76	309 23	522 99	240 50	28
Mass.	5,857 75	8,771 94	32,242 00	41,013 94	4,831 52	7,711 72	12,543 24	7,707 67	4,83
Mich.	5,577 79	13,433 62	68,123 00	81,556 62	3,581 67	10,921 85	14,503 52	9,366 36	5,13
Minn.	1,159 20	1,449 31	14,226 68	15,675 99	1,129 62	1,338 16	2,467 78	1,589 77	87
Mo.	2,344 00	3,062 44	11,750 00	14,812 44	321 68	640 35	962 03	493 53	46
Mont.	1,118 57	1,125 81	10,937 00	12,062 81	755 20	1,413 40	2,168 60	1,420 89	74
Mar. Prov..	27 50	770 00	2,522 50	3,292 50	174 82	110 60	285 42	95 15	19
Nebr.	2,137 56	2,161 60	6,900 00	9,061 60	360 89	412 65	773 54	555 84	21
Nev.	400 00	400 00	.....	400 00	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	1
N. H.....	2,089 68	2,567 13	14,400 00	16,967 13	868 12	1,733 72	2,601 84	1,850 89	75
N. J.....	616 04	647 43	4,050 00	4,697 43	116 01	457 10	573 11	448 19	12
N. Mex....	95 00	95 00	1,225 00	1,320 00	3 50	.....	3 50	1 35	
N. Y.....	37,651 84	36,604 55	70,080 05	106,684 60	11,328 55	9,707 92	21,036 47	6,130 78	14,90
N. C.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 00	.....	101 00	.....	10
N. Dak.....	175 00	260 00	805 00	1,060 00	2 45	192 40	194 85	81 90	11
Ohio	42,783 09	41,985 07	58,465 67	100,450 74	12,851 05	9,987 69	22,838 74	7,938 51	14,90
Okla.	1,014 40	1,671 30	4,739 00	6,410 30	332 92	588 99	921 91	675 16	24
Ontario ...	8,728 06	8,799 44	26,985 47	35,784 91	2,068 69	2,563 94	4,632 63	2,387 73	2,24
Oreg.	256 35	255 00	7,388 50	7,643 50	611 50	1,046 83	1,658 33	969 15	68
Pa.	14,774 82	12,508 34	45,269 00	57,777 34	1,477 53	6,362 65	7,840 18	5,916 99	1,92
R. I.....	84 14	140 97	3,200 00	3,340 97	108 19	204 13	312 32	159 61	15
Saskatch'n.	317 15	481 00	1,000 00	1,481 00	133 94	56 50	190 44	64 10	12
S. Dak.....	2,011 01	2,876 01	10,690 00	13,566 01	618 29	587 14	1,205 43	523 20	68
Tenn.	796 00	150 00	900 00	1,050 00	131 56	12 00	143 56	137 96	
Tex.	4,219 72	4,420 43	13,107 15	17,527 58	697 01	1,468 46	2,165 47	1,350 47	81
Utah	200 00	288 00	1,975 00	2,263 00	56 80	251 50	308 30	251 70	5
Vt.	2,815 16	3,454 16	15,561 13	19,015 29	553 70	1,392 55	1,946 25	1,227 74	71
*Va.	220 00	220 00	.....	220 00	228 58	.....	228 58	.....	22
Wash.	8,748 60	1,615 60	20,499 00	22,114 60	1,381 00	2,013 35	3,394 35	2,380 57	1,01
W. Va.....	3,598 50	415 00	10,800 00	11,215 00	216 48	421 12	637 60	263 96	37
Wis.	3,425 31	1,182 35	10,999 00	12,181 35	466 94	772 80	1,239 74	700 29	53
Wyo.	1,891 00	1,621 00	1,850 00	3,471 00	186 23	50 40	236 63	41 00	19
Totals ...	$232,855 38	$206,509 38	$724,796 94	$931,306 32	$58,550 28	$87,022 11	$145,572 39	$78,928 91	$66,6

* No report.

COMMISSIONS ISSUED TO OFFICERS OF BATTALIONS, REGIMENTS, ETC., *from August 1, 1917, to July 31, 1918.*

Jan.	18. 1918	Thos. M. McCallum.	Major	Edmonton, Ala.
Apr.	1, 1918	H. J. Canis.....	Brig.-Gen.	Longmont, Colo.
Jan.	17, 1918	A. O. Peterson.....	Major-Gen.	Estherville, Iowa.
Apr.	13, 1918	Geo. S. Doherty....	Colonel	Waterbury, Conn.
Jan.	31, 1918	J. F. Orr.....	Major	Winnipeg, Man.
Jan.	4, 1918	T. Calvert Crowe...	Major-Gen.	Detroit, Mich.
Jan.	16, 1918	W. H. Peck.....	Colonel	Butte, Mont.
Jan.	25, 1918	Wm. C. Taylor.....	Lieut.-Col.	Newark, N. J.
Jan.	4, 1918	W. C. Gurney.....	Major-Gen.	Binghamton, N. Y.
Nov.	30, 1917	W. H. Overton.....	Major	Durham, N. C.
Jan.	2, 1918	Fred. H. A. Hahn..	Major-Gen.	Toledo, Ohio.
Jan.	17, 1918	A. T. Bernard.....	Brig.-Gen.	Cherokee, Okla.
Dec.	26, 1917	F. A. Rosenblatt...	Lieut.-Col.	Greeneville, Tenn.
Jan.	17, 1918	Harry Phillips	Major	Salt Lake City, Utah.
Jan.	30, 1918	Carl Koch	Brig.-Gen.	Spokane, Wash.
Apr.	9, 1918	Fred. A. Proctor...	Major	Cheyenne, Wyo.

COMMISSIONS AND N. C. WARRANTS ISSUED TO OFFICERS OF CANTONS. *from August 1, 1917, to July 31, 1918.*

					COM.	WAR.
Jan.	7, 1918	Edmonton	No. 1..	Edmonton, Alberta	3	2
Jan.	18, 1918	Calgary	" 2..	Calgary, Alberta	3	2
Feb.	19, 1918	Arizona	" 1..	Phoenix, Arizona	3	2
Mar.	9, 1918	Yavapai	" 2..	Prescott, Arizona	3	2
May	22, 1918	Cochise	" 3..	Bisbee, Arizona	3	2
Jan.	8, 1918	Little Rock...	" 1..	Little Rock, Arkansas...	3	2
Aug.	31, 1917	Benton	" 4..	Benton, Arkansas	1	
Mar.	1, 1918	Delaware	" 1..	Wilmington, Delaware ..	3	2
June	12, 1918	Delaware	" 1..	Wilmington, Delaware ..	3	
Jan.	3, 1918	Washington ..	" 1..	Washington, D. C.....	3	2
June	3, 1918	Washington ..	" 1..	Washington, D. C.....	3	
Feb.	18, 1918	Washington ..	" 1..	Washington, D. C.....		1
Feb.	22, 1918	Louisville	" 7..	Louisville, Kentucky ...	3	2
Mar.	26, 1918	Winnipeg	" 1..	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.	3	2
Feb.	6, 1918	Manitoba	" 2..	Brandon, Manitoba	3	2
Jan.	16, 1918	Fort Garry ...	" 3..	Winnipeg, Manitoba	3	2
Apr.	27, 1918	Halifax	" 1..	Halifax, N. S., Can.....	3	2
Jan.	31, 1918	Dryden	" 2..	Westville, N. S., Can.....	3	2
Jan.	25, 1918	Cape Breton ..	" 5..	Sydney, N. S., Can.....	3	2
Jan.	4, 1918	Royal	" 2..	Fargo, North Dakota....	3	2
Feb.	26, 1918	Minot	" 8..	Minot, North Dakota....	3	2
Feb.	26, 1918	Providence ...	" 1..	Providence, R. I.....	3	2
Jan.	12, 1918	Newport	" 2..	Newport, R. I.....	3	2
Jan.	22, 1918	Saskatoon	" 2..	Saskatoon, Sask., Can...	3	2
Dec.	31, 1917	Colfax	" 1..	Salt Lake City, Utah....	3	2
Feb.	21, 1918	Thomas	" 3..	Bingham, Utah	3	2
Jan.	26, 1918	Cheyenne	" 3..	Cheyenne, Wyoming	3	2

RETIRED COMMISSIONS.

DATE OF COMMISSION.			RANK.
Jan. 18, 1918	J. L. Richard	Calgary, Alberta	Captain.
Mar. 27, 1918	D. Helman	Edmonton, Alberta	Captain.
May 22, 1918	J. J. White	Bisbee, Arizona	Captain.
Aug. 31, 1917	Jas. J. Hendrix	Benton, Arkansas	Captain.
Jan. 11, 1918	H. H. Johnson	Little Rock, Arkansas	Captain.
Apr. 29, 1918	H. G. DeTienne	Pueblo, Colorado	Brig.-Gen.
Feb. 8, 1918	Henry Gessman	Louisville, Kentucky	Captain.
Jan. 31, 1918	A. F. Cunningham	Westville, N. S.	Captain.
Apr. 13, 1918	Stephen J. Hall	Flint, Michigan	Major-Gen.
Jan. 2, 1918	Perry D. Knapp	Toledo, Ohio	Major-Gen.
Mar. 25, 1918	A. L. Hollingsworth	Chickasha, Okla.	Brig.-Gen.
Jan. 22, 1918	M. Morrison	Saskatoon, Sask.	Captain.
Feb. 13, 1918	A. F. Hoska	Tacoma, Wash.	Major-Gen.
Apr. 9, 1918	Enoch B. Gill	Cheyenne, Wyo.	Captain.

LIST OF OFFICERS ON STAFF OF GENERAL COMMANDING.

E. W. Bradford	Major-Gen.,	Chief of Staff	Washington, D. C.
John B. Goodwin	Brig.-Gen.,	Adjutant-General	Baltimore, Md.
Fred. A. Groom	Colonel,	A. A. G., Military Sec.	Baltimore, Md.
S. H. Foxwell	Brig.-Gen.,	Inspector-General	Baltimore, Md.
C. H. Wever	Brig.-Gen.,	Quartermaster-Gen.	Alameda, Cal.
Francis Thralls	Brig.-Gen.,	Commissary-General	Fairmont, W. Va.
John C. Newton	Brig.-Gen.,	Surgeon-General	San Francisco, Cal.
C. W. Varnum	Brig.-Gen.,	Judge Advocate-Gen.	Denver, Colorado.
F. E. L. Schmueckle	Brig.-Gen.,	Chief of Equipment.	Columbus, Ohio.
Chas. S. Norris	Brig.-Gen.,	Chaplain-General	Lansing, Mich.
J. Frank Freeman	Brig.-Gen.,	Banneret	Brockton, Mass.
J. Edw. Kroh	Colonel,	Aid-de-Camp	Baltimore, Md.
W. J. Rogers	Colonel,	Aid-de-Camp	Washington, D. C.
E. W. Cutting	Colonel,	Aid-de-Camp	Decorah, Iowa.
Jos. P. Doyle	Colonel,	Aid-de-Camp	Chicago, Illinois.
Wm. L. Heiston	Colonel,	Special Aid-de-Camp	E. Pittsburgh, Pa.
Daniel E. Bird	Colonel,	Special Aid-de-Camp	Kansas City, Mo.
Harry W. Taylor	Colonel,	Special Aid-de-Camp	Toronto, Ontario.
C. W. Cuthbertson	Major,	Medical Director	Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT AIDES.

Alberta	Major John J. B. Little	Calgary.
Arizona	Lieut.-Col. Geo. A. Mintz	Phoenix.
British Columbia	Lieut.-Col. Anton Henderson	Victoria.
California	Lieut.-Col. Geo. B. Prather	Tustin.
Colorado	Lieut.-Col. L. A. Van Tilborg	Denver.
District Columbia	Major Wm. H. Ernest	Washington.
Idaho	Lieut.-Col. Presley F. Horne	Caldwell.
Illinois	Lieut.-Col. Philip Leiner	Chicago.
Indiana	Lieut.-Col. Henry A. Moorman	Winchester.
Kansas	Lieut.-Col. J. W. Deppish	Junction City.
Louisiana	Major Fritz Uhlmann	New Orleans.
Maine	Lieut.-Col. J. Wesley Miller	Lewiston.
Michigan	Lieut.-Col. Nathan C. Rose	Detroit.
Minnesota	Lieut.-Col. Wm. C. Pittenger	Duluth.

Montana	Lieut.-Col. Samuel French	Great Falls.
Nebraska	Lieut.-Col. C. D. Ayres	Kearney.
New Hampshire	Lieut.-Col. Arthur H. Britton	Concord.
New York	Lieut.-Col. C. C. Miller	Oneonta.
Ohio	Lieut.-Col. Geo. W. Moore	Cleveland.
Oklahoma	Lieut.-Col. George Lutz	Chickasha.
Ontario	Lieut.-Col. Andrew W. Reid	Walkerville.
Texas	Lieut.-Col. E. Q. Vestal	Dallas.
Vermont	Lieut.-Col. R. A. Spear	Burlington.
Virginia	Lieut.-Col. D. R. Stansbury	Alexandria.
Washington	Lieut.-Col. D. L. Smith	Spokane.
West Virginia	Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hess	Rivesville.
Wisconsin	Lieut.-Col. Richard Hoe	Milwaukee.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

DATE OF COMMISSION.		EXPIRES.
Jan. 18, 1918	Alberta—Major Thomas M. McCallum, 11432 97th St., Edmonton	1919
Jan. 8, 1917	Arkansas—Major G. W. Pardee, Little Rock	1918
Jan. 13, 1917	British Columbia—Col. Roy A. Perry, 1625 Tenth Ave., W. Vancouver	1918
Jan. 22, 1916	California—Major-Gen. Fred. J. Walter, 915 Virginia St., Vallejo	1918
April 13, 1915	Colorado—Brig.-Gen. H. J. Canis, Longmont	1920
April 13, 1918	Connecticut—Col. Geo. S. Doherty, Waterbury	1919
Jan. 13, 1917	Idaho—Brig.-Gen. George Harrigfeld, Ashton	1919
Dec. 27, 1915	Illinois—Major-Gen. Joseph Fairhall, 416 Baum Bldg., Danville	1918
Jan. 3, 1916	Indiana—Major-Gen. Harry K. Landes, 311 Odd Fellows Bldg., Indianapolis	1918
Jan. 17, 1918	Iowa—Major-Gen. A. O. Peterson, Estherville	1920
Jan. 24, 1916	Kansas—Brig.-Gen. T. C. Frazier, Coffeyville	1918
July 17, 1917	Kentucky—Lieut.-Col. Geo. I. Breiel, Newport	1918
Jan. 5, 1916	Maine—Brig.-Gen. Will C. Miller, P. O. Box 82, Augusta	1918
Jan. 31, 1918	Manitoba—Major J. F. Orr, 677 Victor St., Winnipeg	1919
May 29, 1917	Maritime Provinces—Lieut.-Col. H. L. Hart, 71 Gottingen St., Halifax, N. S	1918
Jan. 12, 1917	Maryland—Lieut.-Col. Theo. D. Schek, 306 N. Carey St., Baltimore	1918
Jan. 12, 1917	Massachusetts—Major-Gen. Daniel S. Knowles, 10 Powder House Boul., W. Somerville	1919
Jan. 15, 1915	Michigan—Major-Gen. T. Calvert Crowe, Warren & Cass Aves., Detroit	1920
Jan. 20, 1916	Minnesota—Brig.-Gen. Aug. Hohenstein, 427 S. Robert St., St. Paul	1918
Jan. 11, 1917	Missouri—Brig.-Gen. Chas. B. Hall, Lamar	1919
Jan. 16, 1918	Montana—Col. W. H. Peck, Ekalaka	1919
Feb. 7, 1916	Nebraska—Brig.-Gen. C. M. Coffin, Omaha	1918
Jan. 25, 1917	New Hampshire—Brig.-Gen. Frank D. Holmes, 9 Elm St., Concord	1919
Jan. 25, 1918	New Jersey—Lieut.-Col. Wm. C. Taylor, 468 Clinton Ave., Newark	1919

Jan. 4, 1918	New York—Major-Gen. W. C. Gurney, 432 Security Mutual Bldg., Binghamton	1920
Nov. 30, 1917	North Carolina—Major W. H. Overton, Durham	1919
Jan. 2, 1918	Ohio—Major-Gen. Fred. H. A. Hahn, 520 Monroe St., Toledo	1920
Jan. 17, 1918	Oklahoma—Brig.-Gen. A. T. Bernard, Cherokee	1920
Nov. 2, 1915	Ontario—Brig.-Gen. Geo. M. Hermiston, 18 Bloor St., W., Toronto	1918
Mar. 8, 1916	Oregon—Brig.-Gen. H. M. Beckwith, 587 East Pine St., Portland	1918
Jan. 3, 1917	Pennsylvania—Major-Gen. J. B. Andrews, 217 11th Ave., Juniata	1919
Jan. 13, 1917	Rhode Island—Major Donald E. Spears, 175 Spring St., Newport	1918
Jan. 9, 1917	South Dakota—Col. Earl D. Hayward, Aberdeen	1918
Dec. 26, 1917	Tennessee—Lieut.-Col. F. A. Rosenblatt, Greeneville	1919
Dec. 26, 1916	Texas—Brig.-Gen. F. A. Howell, 212 Reynolds Bldg., Fort Worth	1919
Jan. 17, 1918	Utah—Major Harry Phillips, Salt Lake City	1918
Feb. 7, 1917	Vermont—Col. W. E. Frost, Bennington	1918
Jan. 30, 1918	Washington—Major-Gen. Carl Koch, 16 N. Wall St., Spokane	1920
Jan. 17, 1917	West Virginia—Col. Frank A. Rowan, Elkins	1918
Jan. 10, 1916	Wisconsin—Brig.-Gen. Burne Pollock, 143 4th St., Milwaukee	1918
April 9, 1918	Wyoming—Major Fred. A. Proctor, 618 E. 20th St., Cheyenne	1919

In connection with the work of this branch of the Order, it is a pleasant privilege to refer to the active work and interest of Gen. John K. Ritter, General Commanding, and Col. Fred A. Groom, Military Secretary, whose co-operation and courtesy have been never failing and helpful.

Fraternally and chivalrously,

John B. Goodwin

Adjutant-General.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

I herewith present my annual report for the year from August 1, 1917, to and including July 31, 1918, as per statement following:

Dr.

1917.			
Aug.	1.	To balance	$52,445.36
"	1.	To cash received from Grand Secretary, receipts 1 to 56	94,081.20
"	1.	To twelve months interest on Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Bonds, 4 per cent	2,200.00
"	1.	To twelve months interest on City of Philadelphia Bonds, 3½ per cent	3,500.00
"	1.	To six months interest on Liberty Bonds	300.00
"	1.	To twelve months interest on bank deposits to May 1, 1918	699.88
		Total	$153,226.44

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Aug.	1.	By warrants 1 to 223 inclusive, for mileage and per diem, session 1917	$29,031.90	
"	1.	By warrants 77 to 88 inclusive, for miscellaneous expenses, session 1917	390.30	
"	1.	By regular warrants Nos. 4502 to 4867 inclusive	87,982.33	
				$117,404.53
		Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer August 1, 1918		$35,821.91

1917.				
Aug.	7.	4502.	Remington Typewriter Co., office supplies.	7.00
"	7.	4503.	Fleet-McGinley Co., office supplies	5.75
"	7.	4504.	H. M. Biden Co., office supplies	12.05
"	7.	4505.	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current	5.08
"	7.	4506.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	6.95
"	7.	4507.	Broad Rock Mineral Springs Co., water for office	2.00
"	7.	4508.	A. Hoen & Co., session supplies	12.50
"	7.	4509.	Joseph M. Zamoiski, electrical work	7.35
"	7.	4510.	W. J. Foster, duty on supplies to Canada	.43

Aug.	7.	4511.	The National Rebekah, publishing proclamation	$5.00
"	7.	4512.	The Southern Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	7.	4513.	Western Canada Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	7.	4514.	The Odd Fellow World, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	7.	4515.	The North Carolina Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	7.	4516.	The New Mexico Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	7.	4517.	Der Fuhrer, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	9.	4518.	Mrs. Frances A. Walker, duty on supplies to Canada	.86
"	14.	4519.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	49.90
"	22.	4520.	American Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	22.	4521.	The Odd Fellow Review, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	22.	4522.	The I. O. O. F. Lodge Record, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	22.	4523.	The Egyptian Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	22.	4524.	The South Carolina Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	22.	4525.	The Washington Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	22.	4526.	Odd Fellow News, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	24.	4527.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer	100.00
"	29.	4528.	E. W. Bradford, mileage and per diem Sub-Committee on Finance	9.00
"	30.	4529.	The Texas Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4530.	Spier Printing Co., publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4531.	The Fraternal Record, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4532.	Pacific Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4533.	Missouri Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4534.	Fraternal Publishing Co., publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4535.	Three Links Bulletin, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4536.	The Virginia Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	31.	4537.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	375.00
"	31.	4538.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	200.00
"	31.	4539.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding	291.66
"	31.	4540.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	125.00
"	31.	4541.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00

Aug.	31.	4542.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	$333.33
"	31.	4543.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	53.10
"	31.	4544.	James W. Chapman, Jr., taking inventory of stock	15.00
Sept.	1.	4545.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	6.75
"	1.	4546.	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current	6.28
"	1.	4547.	H. M. Biden Co., office and session supplies.	12.70
"	1.	4548.	G. A. Utermohle & Co., Canton Seal	2.25
"	1.	4549.	J. H. Duker Box Company, packing boxes	8.00
"	1.	4550.	Sisco Brothers, carriage shields	24.00
"	1.	4551.	Leroy K. Murrill Co., office supplies	2.46
"	5.	4552.	Stewart-Crook Hardware Co., office supplies	2.50
"	5.	4553.	Broad Rock Mineral Springs Co., water for office	2.50
"	5.	4554.	Fleet-McGinley Co., office and session supplies	122.00
"	7.	4555.	Smith, Dixon Company, paper for officers reports	123.64
"	8.	4556.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates, transfer certificates and Rebekah floor work	1,175.45
"	8.	4557.	Joseph M. Zamoiski Co., electrical supplies.	2.21
"	27.	4558.	R. L. Polk & Co., city directory	8.00
"	28.	4559.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00
"	29.	4560.	J. Edw. Kroh, decorating hall, hauling, care of hall and miscellaneous expenses at session	67.55
"	29.	4561.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	375.00
"	29.	4562.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	200.00
"	29.	4563.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding	291.66
"	29.	4564.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	125.00
"	29.	4565.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	333.33
"	29.	4566.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer	100.00
"	29.	4567.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	28.11
"	29.	4568.	Maury & Donnelly-Williams Co., premium on bond of Grand Secretary	25.00
Oct.	2.	4569.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	6.90
"	2.	4570.	J. H. Duker Box Co., packing boxes	18.50
"	2.	4571.	H. M. Biden Co., office and session supplies.	22.30
"	2.	4572.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and P. M. badges	1,845.06
"	2.	4573.	The Standard Printing Co., printing daily journal	808.76
"	3.	4574.	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current	3,27
"	5.	4575.	Adams Express Company, charges on shipment to and from session	168.18

Oct.	5.	4576.	The Alberta Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	$5.00
"	5.	4577.	The Idaho Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	5.	4578.	The Talisman Publishing Co., publishing proclamation	5.00
"	5.	4579.	The Georgia Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	6.	4580.	Broad Rock Mineral Springs Co., water for office	1.00
"	8.	4581.	American Ice Company, ice for the season.	3.10
"	11.	4582.	Mrs. H. Spencer, duty on supplies to Canada	.97
"	12.	4583.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates and officers reports	1,197.62
"	15.	4584.	Mrs. C. M. McDonald, duty on supplies to Canada	7.15
"	24.	4585.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00
"	25.	4586.	The Fidelity Trust Company, payment on U. S. 4 per cent Government Bonds, 2d Liberty Loan	300.00
"	26.	4587.	The Dominion Independent Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	27.	4588.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and P. M. badges	2,250.17
"	31.	4589.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	375.00
"	31.	4590.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	200.00
"	31.	4591.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding.	291.66
"	31.	4592.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	125.00
"	31.	4593.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer...	100.00
"	31.	4594.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	333.33
"	31.	4595.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	51.70
Nov.	5.	4596.	Mrs. Frances A. Walker, duty on supplies to Canada	2.81
"	5.	4597.	Fleet-McGinley Co., office supplies	76.75
"	5.	4598.	H. M. Biden Co., office supplies	2.60
"	5.	4599.	J. H. Duker Box Co., packing boxes	8.10
"	5.	4600.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	7.15
"	5.	4601.	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current	4.21
"	5.	4602.	The Terminal Freezing & Heating Co., steam heat for office	10.90
"	5.	4603.	Broad Rock Mineral Springs Co., water for office	1.00
"	5.	4604.	William E. Wood Company, repairs to heating plant	2.50
"	7.	4605.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates and P. M. supplies	1,025.98
"	12.	4606.	Fred. Davey, duty on supplies to Canada..	1.29

Nov.	14.	4607.	Fidelity Trust Company, account of purchase of 4 per cent U. S. second Liberty Loan Bonds	$2,700.00
"	20.	4608.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00
"	20.	4609.	The Western Odd Fellow, publishing Rebekah anniversary proclamation	5.00
"	23.	4610.	Mrs. H. Spencer, duty on supplies to Canada	.36
"	24.	4611.	The Lord Baltimore Press, freight on JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS	4.90
"	24.	4612.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and P. M. badges	2,208.41
"	27.	4613.	The West Virginia Odd Fellow, publishing Rebekah Anniversary Proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4614.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	375.00
"	30.	4615.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	200.00
"	30.	4616.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding	291.66
"	30.	4617.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	125.00
"	30.	4618.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	333.33
"	30.	4619.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer	100.00
"	30.	4620.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals and expenses on war record cards	77.34
"	30.	4621.	Fred. Davey, duty on supplies to Canada	1.70
Dec.	4.	4622.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	6.85
"	4.	4623.	The Terminal Freezing & Heating Co., steam heat for office	19.26
"	4.	4624.	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current	3.18
"	4.	4625.	William E. Wood Company, repairs to heating plant	3.25
"	4.	4626.	H. M. Biden Company, office supplies	3.90
"	4.	4627.	J. H. Duker Box Company, packing boxes	4.80
"	4.	4628.	Leroy K. Murrill Company, office supplies.	.90
"	8.	4629.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates, ciphers, visiting cards and office supplies	909.78
"	8.	4630.	Fleet-McGinley Co., P. M. and office supplies and record cards	216.50
"	8.	4631.	A. Hoen & Co., dismissal certificates	32.50
"	8.	4632.	Broad Rock Mineral Springs Co., water for office	1.00
"	10.	4633.	Western Union Telegraph Co., relief of Halifax sufferers	1,000.00
"	14.	4634.	The Fidelity Trust Co., % 4 per cent U. S. Bonds, Second Liberty Loan	6,000.00
"	26.	4635.	Fred. Davey, duty on supplies to Canada	1.48
"	31.	4636.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	375.00
"	31.	4637.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	200.00
"	31.	4638.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding	291.66

Dec.	31.	4639.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	$125.00
"	31.	4640.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00
"	31.	4641.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	333.33
"	31.	4642.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer..	100.00
"	31.	4643.	John B. Goodwin, express charges war record cards	17.06
"	31.	4644.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	77.80
"	31.	4645.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and badges	3,024.97
1918.				
Jan.	2.	4646.	Smith, Dixon Company, paper for JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS	1,500.00
"	3.	4647.	The Terminal Freezing & Heating Co., steam heat for office	32.59
"	3.	4648.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	6.75
"	3.	4649.	Daniel J. Loden, collector water rent	13.00
"	3.	4650.	Fleet-McGinley Co., office supplies	9.50
"	3.	4651.	H. M. Biden Company, office supplies	1.50
"	5.	4652.	John B. Goodwin, expense transmitting fund to Halifax sufferers	10.63
"	7.	4653.	B. D. Dering, duty on supplies to Canada..	20.95
"	9.	4654.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates, installation ceremonies, floor work, visiting and withdrawal cards, etc	961.60
"	9.	4655.	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current	3.16
"	9.	4656.	Broad Rock Mineral Springs Co., water for office	1.00
"	15.	4657.	Fidelity Trust Company, % U. S. 4 per cent Bonds of the Second Liberty Loan..	6,000.00
"	15.	4658.	Fidelity Trust Company, accrued interest on $15,000.00 4 per cent U. S. Bonds of the Second Liberty Loan	60.33
"	18.	4659.	Fred. Davey, duty on supplies to Canada...	1.70
"	25.	4660.	J. F. Plummer, engraving Past Commandants Jewel	1.75
"	29.	4661.	Smith, Dixon & Co., paper for JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS	382.44
"	30.	4662.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and P. M. badges	2,245.99
"	30.	4663.	Fred. Davey, duty on supplies to Canada..	1.85
"	31.	4664.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	375.00
"	31.	4665.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	200.00
"	31.	4666.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding..	291.66
"	31.	4667.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	125.00
"	31.	4668.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00
"	31.	4669.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	333.33

Jan.	31.	4670.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer..	$100.00
"	31.	4671.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	77.63
Feb.	2.	4672.	Fleet-McGinley Co., war record supplies...	20.25
"	2.	4673.	J. H. Duker Box Co., packing boxes.....	21.40
"	2.	4674.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	6.95
"	2.	4675.	The Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current.....	3.16
"	2.	4676.	The Terminal Freezing & Heating Co., steam heat for office.....	49.45
"	2.	4677.	H. M. Biden Co., office supplies.....	8.90
"	2.	4678.	Leroy K. Murrill Co., setting addresses....	1.33
"	12.	4679.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., war tax on jewels, etc.	84.37
"	12.	4680.	A. Hoen & Co., papers patent and officers commissions	302.60
"	12.	4681.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates	1,385.30
"	13.	4682.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00
"	20.	4683.	Fred. Davey, duty on supplies to Canada..	.86
"	23.	4684.	S. C. Malone, engrossing resolutions.....	30.00
"	28.	4685.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General.....	375.00
"	28.	4686.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	200.00
"	28.	4687.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding..	291.66
"	28.	4688.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	125.00
"	28.	4689.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	333.33
"	28.	4690.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer..	100.00
"	28.	4691.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	59.03
"	28.	4692.	Violet Pearce, duty on supplies to Canada..	28.23
Mar.	2.	4693.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and P. M. badges.....	1,753.31
"	4.	4694.	The Terminal Freezing & Heating Co., steam heat for office.....	29.88
"	4.	4695.	J. H. Duker Box Company, packing boxes.	9.80
"	4.	4696.	Remington Typewriter Co., office supplies.	3.10
"	4.	4697.	State Gazette Publishing Co., P. M. supplies	2.75
"	4.	4698.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	6.80
"	4.	4699.	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current.....	2.61
"	7.	4700.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates, ciphers, joint installation ceremonies, transfer certificates, JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS, P. M. supplies, etc.....	3,848.02
"	7.	4701.	Fleet-McGinley Co., petitions for membership, funeral ceremonies, office supplies, etc.	296.25
"	12.	4702.	Der Fuhrer, publishing anniversary proclamation	5.00

Mar.	12.	4703.	American Odd Fellow, publishing anniversary proclamation	$5.00
"	12.	4704.	Western Canada Odd Fellow, publishing anniversary proclamation	5.00
"	12.	4705.	The South Texas I. O. O. F. News, publishing anniversary proclamation	5.00
"	12.	4706.	The North Carolina Odd Fellow, publishing anniversary proclamation	5.00
"	18.	4707.	Broad Rock Mineral Springs Co., water for office	1.00
"	18.	4708.	F. Freeborough, floral design for Past Grand Sire Keller	10.00
"	19.	4709.	Odd Fellows Journal, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	19.	4710.	The Virginia Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	19.	4711.	The I. O. O. F. Lodge Record, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	25.	4712.	E. E. Sharon, freight on JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS	6.80
"	25.	4713.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and P. M. badges	1,901.92
"	26.	4714.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00
"	29.	4715.	Fred. Davey, duty on supplies to Canada	.85
"	30.	4716.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	375.00
"	30.	4717.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	200.00
"	30.	4718.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding	291.66
"	30.	4719.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	125.00
"	30.	4720.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	333.33
"	30.	4721.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer	100.00
"	30.	4722.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	95.94
"	30.	4723.	The Missouri Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4724.	The Washington Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4725.	The Iowa Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4726.	The South Carolina Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4727.	The Idaho Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
April	1.	4728.	The Terminal Freezing & Heating Co., steam heat for office	15.87
"	1.	4729.	Remington Typewriter Company, repairs to typewriter	3.00
"	1.	4730.	H. M. Biden Company, office supplies	3.15
"	1.	4731.	J. H. Duker Box Company, packing boxes	19.60
"	1.	4732.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	6.75
"	1.	4733.	The Fidelity Trust Company, box rent Grand Treasurer	10.00

April	2.	4734.	Maury & Donnelly-Williams Co., premium on Grand Treasurer bond	$125.00
"	2.	4735.	Fleet-McGinley Company, office supplies	63.25
"	3.	4736.	Geo. M. Baird, duty on supplies to Canada	4.96
"	4.	4737.	Truth Publishing Company, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	4.	4738.	Odd Fellows Friend, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	4.	4739.	The Odd Fellow World, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	4.	4740.	The Talisman Publishing Company, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	6.	4741.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates and ciphers	745.55
"	8.	4742.	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current	3.02
"	9.	4743.	William C. Page, collector paving tax	12.23
"	15.	4744.	Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, duty on supplies to Canada	1.60
"	18.	4745.	Three Links Bulletin, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	18.	4746.	The Odd Fellow Review, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	18.	4747.	The Alberta Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	18.	4748.	The Egyptian Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	18.	4749.	The Fraternal Record, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	18.	4750.	The Oklahoma Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	18.	4751.	Pacific Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	18.	4752.	Odd Fellows News, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	18.	4753.	Odd Fellow Bulletin, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	20.	4754.	W. J. Foster, duty on supplies to Canada	5.75
"	23.	4755.	Fred. Davey, duty on supplies to Canada	1.13
"	26.	4756.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and P. M. badges	3,624.96
"	27.	4757.	Maury & Donnelly-Williams Co., premium on bond Assistant Grand Secretary	25.00
"	30.	4758.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	375.00
"	30.	4759.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	200.00
"	30.	4760.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding	291.66
"	30.	4761.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	125.00
"	30.	4762.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00
"	30.	4763.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	333.33
"	30.	4764.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer	100.00
"	30.	4765.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	83.02

April	30.	4766.	The Colorado Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	$5.00
"	30.	4767.	California Odd Fellow & New Age, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4768.	Der Fuhrer, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4769.	The I. O. O. F. Lodge Record, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4770.	Western Canada Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	30.	4771.	The South Texas I. O. O. F. News, publishing proclamation	5.00
May	2.	4772.	Fleet-McGinley Co., office supplies, etc	66.50
"	2.	4773.	H. M. Biden Co., office supplies	12.95
"	2.	4774.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	6.85
"	2.	4775.	The Terminal Freezing & Heating Co., steam heat for office	8.78
"	7.	4776.	B. D. Deering, duty on supplies to Canada	13.48
"	8.	4777.	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current	3.88
"	8.	4778.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates, ciphers, etc	1,547.65
"	8.	4779.	The Lord Baltimore Press, transportation charges on JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS	374.14
"	11.	4780.	B. D. Deering, duty on supplies to Canada.	5.00
"	16.	4781.	The Georgia Odd Fellow, publishing proclamations	10.00
"	16.	4782.	The Egyptian Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	16.	4783.	Odd Fellows Bulletin, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	16.	4784.	Talisman Publishing Co., publishing proclamation	5.00
"	16.	4785.	The Odd Fellow World, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	16.	4786.	The North Carolina Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	16.	4787.	The American Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	20.	4788.	Mrs. Frances A. Walker, duty on supplies to Canada	1.29
"	22.	4789.	W. J. Foster, duty on supplies to Canada	3.95
"	23.	4790.	Fred. Davey, duty on supplies to Canada	2.56
"	23.	4791.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and P. M. badges	3,001.04
"	31.	4792.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	375.00
"	31.	4793.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	200.00
"	31.	4794.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding	291.66
"	31.	4795.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	125.00
"	31.	4796.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00
"	31.	4797.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer	100.00

May	31.	4798.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	$333.33
"	31.	4799.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	99.97
June	3.	4800.	Chatolanee Water Co., water for office	2.00
"	3.	4801.	Burroughs Adding Machine Co., repairs to adding machine	2.00
"	3.	4802.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	6.80
"	3.	4803.	H. M. Biden Co., office supplies	7.75
"	6.	4804.	Missouri Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	6.	4805.	The South Carolina Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	6.	4806.	The National Rebekah, publishing proclamations	15.00
"	6.	4807.	The Washington Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	6.	4808.	Southern Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	6.	4809.	The Texas Odd Fellow, publishing proclamations	10.00
"	6.	4810.	Bundle of Sticks, publishing proclamations	10.00
"	6.	4811.	Pacific Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	6.	4812.	California Odd Fellow & New Age, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	6.	4813.	The Fraternal Record, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	6.	4814.	Truth Publishing Co., publishing proclamation	5.00
"	6.	4815.	The Oklahoma Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	6.	4816.	J. H. Duker Box Co., packing boxes	13.65
"	6.	4817.	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current	2.38
"	6.	4818.	Remington Typewriter Co., new typewriter.	90.00
"	11.	4819.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates, question books and P. M. supplies.	1,340.01
"	11.	4820.	Fleet-McGinley Company, ode books, office and session supplies	378.50
"	24.	4821.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00
"	25.	4822.	Western Odd Fellow, publishing proclamations	10.00
"	25.	4823.	Iowa Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation.	5.00
"	25.	4824.	The Odd Fellow Review, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	25.	4825.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	375.00
"	25.	4826.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	200.00
"	25.	4827.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding..	291.66
"	25.	4828.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	125.00
"	25.	4829.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	333.33

June	25.	4830.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer..	$100.00
"	29.	4831.	F. C. Goudy, mileage and per diem committee on printing supplies.....	204.60
"	29.	4832.	William H. Cox, mileage and per diem committee on printing supplies.....	98.70
"	29.	4833.	William H. Leedy, mileage and per diem committee on printing supplies.....	94.10
"	29.	4834.	Joseph Oliver, mileage and per diem committee on printing supplies....	73.00
"	29.	4835.	E. W. Bradford, mileage and per diem committee on printing supplies.....	34.90
"	29.	4836.	James H. Avery, mileage and per diem committee on printing supplies.....	20.70
"	29.	4837.	J. Willard Crosson, mileage and per diem committee on printing supplies.....	24.10
"	29.	4838.	John B. Goodwin, mileage and per diem committee on printing supplies.....	30.90
"	29.	4839.	J. Edw. Kroh, mileage and per diem committee on printing supplies.....	30.90
July	1.	4840.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	87.77
"	1.	4841.	Mrs. H. Spencer, duty on supplies to Canada	.43
"	3.	4842.	Fleet-McGinley Co., office supplies.....	37.00
"	3.	4843.	The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., telephone service	6.85
"	3.	4844.	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., gas and electric current.....	3.04
"	3.	4845.	H. M. Biden Co., office supplies.....	2.10
"	3.	4846.	Chas. A. Herrmann, premium on insurance	229.78
"	8.	4847.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and P. M. badges.....	2,975.51
"	8.	4848.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates and Sovereign Grand Lodge codes.	2,739.70
"	17.	4849.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and P. M. badges.....	1,193.71
"	17.	4850.	Chatolanee Springs Water Co., water for office	5.00
"	17.	4851.	J. J. McKinnon, duty on supplies to Canada	9.32
"	19.	4852.	Fred. Davey, duty on supplies to Canada..	1.72
"	20.	4853.	Geo. M. Baird, duty on supplies to Canada.	5.56
"	22.	4854.	Three Links Bulletin, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	22.	4855.	Chicago Odd Fellow, publishing proclamations	10.00
"	22.	4856.	The Dominion Independent Odd Fellow, publishing proclamation	5.00
"	23.	4857.	Meyer & Thalheimer, typewriter desk.....	33.25
"	24.	4858.	John B. Goodwin, Jr., salary shipping clerk, etc.	75.00
"	24.	4859.	F. C. Goudy, clerk hire and expenses Grand Sire	333.37
"	24.	4860.	William H. Cox, salary Grand Treasurer..	100.00
"	26.	4861.	John B. Goodwin, salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General.....	375.00

July	26.	4862.	J. Edw. Kroh, salary Asst. Grand Secretary	$200.00
"	26.	4863.	J. K. Ritter, salary General Commanding.	291.74
"	26.	4864.	Grace W. Wright, salary stenographer, etc.	125.00
"	26.	4865.	John B. Goodwin, miscellaneous incidentals	62.05
"	30.	4866.	The Lord Baltimore Press, official certificates	223.70
"	31.	4867.	The M. C. Lilley & Co., jewels, buttons and P. M. badges	2,290.46
			Total	$87,982.33
Warrants 77 to 88, expense 1917 session				390.30
Warants 1 to 225, mileage and per diem 1917 session				29,031.90
				$117,404.53
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer				35,821.91
				$153,226.44

About October 1, 1917, after consultation and consent of the Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, and Chairman of the Finance Committee, we purchased $15,000 of the Second Liberty Bonds, bearing 4 per cent interest, for which we paid $15,060.33, the $60.33 being accrued interest. These bonds were paid for in four installments, so as not to disturb our working capital. We do not believe there is any more patriotic body of men than the Order of Odd Fellows, and acting on our own judgment we now ask your approval of our action.

On December 9 last a terrible misfortune befell the city of Halifax, Dominion of Canada, our brethren suffering greatly. Again our Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, and Chairman of the Finance Committee agreed that we should aid them, and one thousand dollars was forwarded them at an expense of $10.63, for which we ask your approval.

PEACE MONUMENT FUND

1917.				
Aug.	1.		To balance in hands of Grand Treasurer	$4,674.30
"	1.		To interest to May 1, 1918	141.18
Total in hands of the Grand Treasurer August 1, 1918				$4,815.48

Respectfully and fraternally,

William H Hoop

Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Appeals: Reps. Eastin, of Missouri; Martin, of Idaho; Millan, of the District of Columbia; Emerson, of New Hampshire; Logan, of Kentucky; Allison, of Indiana; Boggess, of Texas; Parsons, of Maryland; Merritt, of Washington.

On Constitutions: Reps. Wagner, of Iowa; Sillers, of Saskatchewan; Merritt, of Washington; Hanger, of Virginia; McKay, of Maritime Provinces; Hamilton, of Missouri; Macbeth, of Indiana; Robertson, of South Dakota; Kohner, of California; Brumfield, of Mississippi; Walker, of Oregon; Redfern, of Utah.

On Correspondence: Reps. Milum, of Arkansas; Hollister, of West Virginia; Wells, of Delaware; Ashley, of Georgia; Paulson, of Wyoming; Wilson, of New Jersey; Rosenblatt, of Tennessee; Rognlie, of North Dakota; Shaw, of New Hampshire; Pergau, of Quebec; Spear, of Vermont; Washington, of Saskatchewan.

On Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports: Reps. Pardee, of Arkansas; Bradford, of District of Columbia; Varnum, of Colorado; Ruggles, of Massachusetts; Belt, of Arizona.

On Finance: Reps. Oliver, of Ontario; Bradford, of District of Columbia; Horne, of Idaho; Potter, of Kentucky; Avery, of Pennsylvania; Emmins, of Texas; Foster, of Ohio; Billstein, of Maryland; Cellventtra, of Utah; McClatchey, of Georgia; King, of Louisiana; Arnold, of Illinois.

On Grand Bodies Not Represented: Reps. Simpson, of Kentucky; McLean, of Manitoba; Glass, of British Columbia; Roy, of Vermont; Connally, of Florida; Groves, of Georgia; Kennedy, of Quebec; Lowe, of Rhode Island; Gerlach, of Wisconsin; Parker, of Alberta; Rennard, of West Virginia; Munro, of Maritime Provinces.

On International Relations: Reps. Goodman, of Montana; McArthur, of Quebec; Edgers, of Rhode Island; Walker, of Vermont; Brooks, of Kansas; Hogg, of British Columbia; Williams, of Wisconsin; Louhoff, of Virginia; Langley, of South Carolina; Addison, of Mississippi; Cilley, of New Hampshire; Skeen, of Oklahoma.

On Judiciary: Reps. Rinehart, of Florida; Trautmann, of New York; Mohr, of Pennsylvania; Chapman, of Maryland; Pardee, of Arkansas; Christensen, of Utah; Shaw, of Oklahoma; Connick, of California; Varnum, of Colorado; Kuntz, of Ohio; Hoagland, of Nebraska.

On Legislation: Reps. Merrill, of Maine; Thompson, of Michigan; Pond, of Connecticut; Barrow, of Louisiana; Breith, of Kentucky; Goode, of Alabama; Hamilton, of Manitoba; Davis, of Illinois; Weaver, of North Carolina; Herwig, of Oklahoma; Andrews, of Oregon; Hutchison, of Connecticut.

On Mileage and Per Diem: Reps. Baumes, of New York; Lewis, of Texas; Brueck, of California; Stevens, of Kansas; Laidlaw, of Maritime Provinces; Robertson, of Idaho; Poll, of Wyoming; Wood, of District of Columbia; Purintum, of South Dakota.

On Miscellaneous Business: Reps. Ruggles, of Massachusetts; Smith, of New Mexico; Hartley, of Missouri; Fahl, of North Dakota; Bessent, of North Carolina; Pierce, of Ohio; Lane, of Tennessee; Rennard, of West Virginia; Bodenhamer, of Georgia; Jenne, of Vermont; McCorvie, of Ontario; Knedler, of Oklahoma.

On Odd Fellows' Homes: Reps. Van Tilborg, of Colorado; Judge, of New York; Cramton, of Alabama; Gordon, of Kansas; Krenning, of Virginia; Harrison, of California; Strickland, of South Carolina.

On Patriarchal Branch of the Order: Reps. Mulcahy, of Nevada; Falk, of New Jersey; Horn, of Illinois; Genevay, of Iowa; Muir, of Kansas; Pierce, of Massachusetts; Haliburton, of Louisiana; Anderson, of Washington; Stanchfield, of Minnesota; Selfridge, of Montana; Herman, of Colorado; Heiston, of Pennsylvania; Wolverton, of West Virginia.

On Patriarchs Militant: Reps. Parker, of New York; Davidson, of Delaware; Pearce, of Maryland; Robbins, of New Jersey; Perry, of British Columbia; Burlingame, of South Dakota; Bryant, of Arkansas; Coy, of Nebraska; Bushnell, of Connecticut; Harrigfeld, of Idaho; Parks, of Ontario; Bowers, of Arizona.

On Petitions: Reps. Canfield, of Connecticut; Gage, of Nebraska; Nichols, of Nevada; Arrasmith, of Iowa; Kemp, of Montana; Woodard, of North Carolina; Simpson, of West Virginia; Noyes, of North Dakota; Woodruff, of New Jersey; Trefren, of Oregon; Lemarr, of Wyoming; Fischesser, of Tennessee.

On Rebekah Degree: Reps. Martin, of Idaho; Brumbaugh, of Texas; Minter, of New Mexico; Spears, of Indiana; Belcher, of Massachusetts; Blake, of Minnesota; Greenleaf, of Nebraska; Phelps, of New Hampshire; Cranston, of Rhode Island; Belt, of Arizona; Brown, of Alberta; Walsh, of Saskatchewan.

On Returns: Reps. Roderick, of Ohio; Sweeney, of Iowa; Barber, of Minnesota; Barrette, of South Dakota; Fine, of Tennessee; Scupholm, of Michigan; Wolverton, of West Virginia; Toward, of Maine; Gracey, of Montana; Carter, of Nevada; Whitesides, of New Mexico; Field, of North Dakota.

On State of the Order: Reps. Leedy, of Indiana; Kingsbury, of Massachusetts; Norman, of Colorado; Warham, of Minnesota; Armstrong, of Manitoba; Lindsay, of Michigan; Cooper, of Ontario; Parsons, of Maine; Blanchard, of Washington; Pope, of Pennsylvania; Mahoney, of Wisconsin; Bird, of Missouri.

On Unfinished Business: Reps. Whitman, of Maritime Provinces; Heinzeroth, of Delaware; Shirah, of Florida; McKay, of Mississippi; Mayne, of Michigan; Peabody, of Maine; Haynes, of Virginia; Chandler, of Alberta; Dobson, of Rhode Island; Ingli, of Wisconsin; Stiefelmeyer, of Alabama; Baker, of Arizona.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Courtesies: Reps. Blanchard, of Washington; Connick, of California; Christensen, of Utah; Armstrong, of Manitoba; Brooks, of Kansas; Selfridge, of Montana; Weed, of Oregon.

On Joint Installation Ceremony: Reps. Norman, of Colorado; Leedy, of Indiana; Pond, of Connecticut; Fine, of Tennessee; Cooper, of Ontario.

On Juvenile Branch: Past Grand Sires Campbell, of Ontario; Robertson, of Oklahoma.

On One Hundredth Anniversary: Past Grand Sires Conway, of Illinois; Cockrum, of Indiana; Goodwin, of Maryland; Rep. Chapman, of Maryland.

On Rules of Order: Reps. Pardee, of Arkansas; Merrill, of Maine; Millan, of District of Columbia.

On Memorial: Past Grand Sires Campbell, of Ontario; Pinkerton, of Massachusetts; Goodwin, of Maryland; Conway, of Illinois; Cockrum, of Indiana; Robertson, of Oklahoma.

Rep. Mohr, of Pennsylvania, moved that the appointments be confirmed, which was agreed to.

The following letter was presented from Past Grand Sire Campbell:

LONDON, ONTARIO, September 13, 1918.

Hon. J. B. Goodwin, Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Will you be kind enough to convey to The Sovereign Grand Lodge my deep regret that owing to physical disability I shall be unable to attend the session at St. Louis? Though unfortunately absent in body my thoughts will be with you each day of the week, and you will have my best wishes for a pleasant and profitable session. May Divine Wisdom guide your deliberations, and cause all your actions to be in the best interests of our Order and of humanity.

Fraternally yours,
CL. T. CAMPBELL, Past Grand Sire.

Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved that the Grand Secretary make appropriate reply to Brother Campbell's letter, which was agreed to by a rising vote.

Under Rule of Order No. 5, the Grand Secretary forwarded the following appeals to the chairman of the Committee on Appeals, as required:

H. A. Mackie *vs.* Grand Lodge of Alberta.

(Dismissed. Report 5.)

David Jerome *vs.* Grand Lodge of Quebec.

(Dismissed. Report 6.)

Also the following applications for charters, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Seward Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, Seward, Alaska.
Luzon Lodge, No. 2, Manila, Philippine Islands.

(Approved. Report 21.)

Also the following constitutions and amendments, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Amended Constitution of Grand Encampment of Alberta.
Amendments to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Arkansas.
Amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Illinois.
Amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Iowa.
Amendments to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Michigan.
Amendments to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Minnesota.
Amendments to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Missouri.
Amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Ohio.
Amendments to Constitution of Grand Encampment of Oklahoma.
Amendments to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Oregon.
Amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Washington.

The foregoing were approved by the Grand Sire.

(Approved. Report 24.)

Also:

Amended Constitution of Grand Lodge of Montana.
Amended by-laws of Gatun Lodge, No. 5, Panama.
By-laws of Luzon Lodge, No. 2, Philippine Islands.

The foregoing were approved as amended by the Grand Sire.

(Approved as amended. Report 24.)

Also:

Amendment to by-laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Hawaii.

The foregoing was disapproved by the Grand Sire.

(Disapproved. Report 24.)

Also:

Amendments to Constitution of Grand Encampment of Nebraska.
Amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.
Amendment to Constitution of Grand Encampment of Texas.

(Approved. Report 24.)

The following fraternal newspapers and magazines have notified the Grand Secretary that they would be represented at this session,

and their representatives are entitled to seats at the table prepared for the fraternal press:

The Southern Odd Fellow, of Cullman, Alabama, by Geo. Stieflemeyer.
The Georgia Odd Fellow, of Gainesville, Georgia, by T. H. Robertson.
The Idaho Odd Fellow, of Caldwell, Idaho, by A. E. Gipson.
Odd Fellows' Herald, of Springfield, Illinois, by Owen Scott.
The P. M. Monthly, of Chicago, Illinois, by M. H. Spier.
The Chicago Odd Fellow, of Chicago, Illinois, by Sven Windrow.
The Egyptian Odd Fellow, of Carlyle, Illinois, by O. C. Forman.
Western Odd Fellow, of Topeka, Kansas, by H. C. Stevens.
Western Canada Odd Fellow, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, by Geo. M. Baird.
The American Odd Fellow, of Williamston, Michigan, by H. A. Thompson.
The Missouri Odd Fellow, of Trenton, Missouri, by Harry A Collins.
Lodge Record, of Watertown, New York, by A. B. Parker.
Der Fuhrer, of New York City, New York, by Charles Weil.
The Odd Fellow World, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, by R. M. Burlingame.

The Jurisdictions were called, when the following were presented:

Resolution 1. Rep. Mohr, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WHEREAS, The Red Cross and Young Men's Christian Association, recognized and approved by the U. S. Government, are rendering such valuable services in the cause of humanity, and especially in taking care of our soldiers in sickness and in health, and of which number thousands belong to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and,

WHEREAS, The teachings of our Order are to uplift humanity and to alleviate human suffering and in the practice of these teachings, therefore be it

Resolved, That all branches of the Order, Grand and subordinate, shall be permitted to make appeals to its members for voluntary contributions, to hold meetings or entertainments in the name of the Order for the purpose of raising money to be donated to the Red Cross and the Young Men's Christian Association, and to draw upon their contingent funds for such sums as they may deem expedient to help these organizations in their actual war activities, and that such expenditure of funds or use of the name of the Order for these purposes be considered a legitimate and proper use during the period of this present war.

(Not adopted. Report 61.)

Resolution 2. Rep. Norman, of Colorado, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge, sanctioned the contribution to a fund for the erection of a monument in the Park at The Hague to be dedicated to the principles of a world-wide peace; and,

WHEREAS, A considerable sum was raised from various Grand Lodges and through other sources, which is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer; and,

WHEREAS, Such a monument cannot be considered during the present world-wide war for the liberty and freedom of the world; and,

WHEREAS, Such fund should be invested in the safest possible manner; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Finance Committee of this Sovereign Body is hereby directed to invest said fund—half in United States Liberty Bonds and half in Canadian Victory Loan Bonds—until such time as this Sovereign Body shall see fit to make other disposition.

(Adopted. Report 37.)

Resolution 3. Rep. Baumes, of New York, moved the following, for which he asked immediate consideration:

Resolved, That per diem be paid for six days.

The question being on the resolution, it was adopted.

Resolution 4. Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In accordance with the law, I recommend that the following officers and chevaliers be voted the Grand Decoration of Chivalry. I herewith submit the certificates from each, properly certified by the Departments, showing the meritorious services rendered the Order, and it is with pleasure I recommend this high honor to be conferred upon these worthy chevaliers:

Chev. George W. Reid, Canton Santa Cruz, No. 33, Santa Cruz, Cal.
Col. Charles H. Burden, Canton San Francisco, No. 5, Sonora, Cal.
Capt. John Welch, Canton Hollister, No. 8, Hollister, Cal.
Maj. George F. Ward, Canton Riverside, No. 25, Riverside, Cal.
Capt. Max Kohner, Canton San Jose, No. 9, Santa Clara, Cal.
Brig.-Gen. George Harrigfeld, Canton Snake River, No. 18, Ashton, Idaho.
Capt. Ralph R. McConnell, Canton Twin City, No. 10, Bloomington, Ill.
Lt.-Col. A. A. Durrand, Canton Keorner, No. 6, Chicago, Ill.
Chev. Frank J. Cournoyer, Canton Hayes, No. 7, Kittery, Me.
Chev. John T. Emerson, Canton J. H. Dearborn, No. 5, Biddeford, Me.
Chev. Frederick B. Peabody, Canton Evergreen, No 12, Gardiner, Me.
Chev. J. Wesley Miller, Canton Wocumbus, No. 3, Auburn, Me.
Lt.-Col. Charles T. Haven, Canton City of the Straits, No. 38, Detroit, Mich.

Lt.-Col. E. Parker Johnson, Canton Springfield, No. 23, Springfield, Mass.
Maj. John H. Reilly, Canton Cohannet, No. 49, Taunton, Mass.
Maj. Horace V. Kittredge, Canton Pawtucket, No. 9, Lowell, Mass.
Col. O. S. Cowing, Canton New Bedford, No. 42, New Bedford, Mass.
Lt.-Col. W. C. Kohlmetz, Canton Stebbins, No. 2, Rochester, N. Y.
Chev. James Spawton, Canton Persch, No. 26, Buffalo, N. Y.
Maj. John C. Tingue, Canton Stewart, No. 44, Gloversville, N. Y.
Lt.-Col. F. A. West, Canton Binghamton, No. 21, Binghamton, N. Y.
Chev. W. H. Edmondson, Canton Enid, No. 12, Shattuck, Okla.
Capt. Perry D. Eberly, Canton Canton, No. 8, Canton, Ohio.
Lt.-Col. Frank M. Foster, Canton Coshocton, No. 92, Coshocton, Ohio.
Col. Edward Blackmore, Canton Lucas, No. 3, Toledo, Ohio.
Maj. H. F. Griswold, Canton Akron, No. 2, Akron, Ohio.
Maj. L. M. Greshner, Canton Ashland, No. 41, Ashland, Ohio.
Capt. Harry W. Ralston, Canton Toronto, No. 7, Toronto, Ont.
Maj. George E. Shaw, Canton London, No. 1, London, Ont.
Capt. Charles A. Byam, Canton Toronto, No. 7, New Liskeard, Ont.
Capt. Perry T. Coupland, Canton Statford, No. 15, St. Mary's, Ont.
Maj. Charles A. Cramer, Canton Nursery, No. 36, Franklin, Pa.
Maj. Frank Shannon, Canton Wilkes Barre, No. 31, Wilkes Barre, Pa.
Maj. Morris Benowitz, Canton Phoenix, No. 3, Phoenixville, Pa.
Lieut. Charles T. Krosen, Canton Lafayette, No. 22, Easton, Pa.
Col. Rodger W. Haas, Canton Meadville, No. 47, Meadville, Pa.
Chev. R. M. Burlingame, Canton Nonpareil, No. 5, Madison, S. Dak.
Col. W. E. Frost, Canton Bennington, No. 4, Bennington, Vt.
Brig.-Gen. Burne Pollock, Canton Milwaukee, No. 1, Milwaukee, Wis.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN K. RITTER, General Commanding.

(Adopted. Report 19.)

Bill 1.

Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

A BILL AMENDING SECTION 55 OF THE CODE IN RELATION TO FUNERAL BENEFITS.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 55 of the Code of General Laws of the I. O. O. F., 1915, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 55. Funeral Expense. Nothing in this Code or in the laws of the Order shall be so construed as to require or to authorize the payment of either a funeral benefit or a funeral expense in any case where the funeral expenses shall be incurred or paid by the government or by any corporation, society or organization of which the deceased was a member and which shall have incurred or paid said expenses by reason of any obligation it owed to the deceased by reason of his membership in such organization, and in no case shall either a funeral benefit or a funeral expense be paid to the estate of

the deceased or to any creditor of the deceased. Both sick and funeral benefits and funeral expenses are personal to the member and to his beneficiaries and can in no case be paid to any one else."

(Indefinitely postponed. Report 60 and action on.)

Bill 2.

Reps. Varnum and Norman, of Colorado, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

A BILL TO ADD TO THE CODE OF GENERAL LAWS OF THE I. O. O. F. A NEW SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS "SECTION 373A," PRESCRIBING THE LANGUAGE IN WHICH SUBORDINATE BODIES MAY WORK.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That there is hereby added to the Code of General Laws of the I. O. O. F. a new section to be known as Section 373A, as follows:

"Section 373A. The Language in which Subordinate Bodies may Work. No Grand Body shall hereafter authorize any subordinate lodge or encampment on the Continent of North America to work in any other than the English language.

On or before June 30, 1919, all subordinate lodges and encampments on the Continent of North America working in any language other than English shall surrender their rituals in exchange for rituals printed in the English language (which shall be furnished by The Sovereign Grand Lodge without charge), and thereafter all the work of such lodges shall be conducted in the English language."

(Amended and adopted. Report 83.)

Bill 3.

Rep. Van Tilborg, of Colorado, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

A BILL ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE CODE TO BE KNOWN AS SEC. 617A, PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE OF NUMERALS ON THE VETERAN BUTTON.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That a new section to be known as Sec. 617A be added to the Code of General Laws, said section to be read as follows:

"Sec. 617A. Change of Numerals on Veteran Buttons. The veteran button provided for in Sec. 617 shall, if practicable, be so constructed that the numerals may be changed as in the case of veteran jewels. If that be impracticable the Committee on Printing Supplies

shall provide that such buttons may be exchanged for buttons with the proper numeral, on such terms as it may, from time to time, determine."

(Not reported on.)

Bill 4.

Rep. Herman, of Colorado, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

A BILL AMENDING SECTION 762 OF THE CODE RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 762 of the Code of General Laws be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 762. Grand Bodies may Provide for Consolidation of Lodges. Grand Bodies shall have jurisdiction and power to prescribe the procedure by which subordinate bodies within their respective Jurisdictions may be consolidated, provided no law shall be enacted compelling a consolidation of two or more lodges so long as not less than one-third of the members of any lodge or encampment shall express in writing their desire to retain the charter of such lodge or encampment."

(Not adopted. Report 59.)

Bill 5.

Rep. Norman, of Colorado, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 309 OF THE CODE OF GENERAL LAWS OF THE I. O. O. F. SO AS TO PRESERVE TO THE ORDER THE MEMBERSHIP OF VETERAN MEMBERS OF DEFUNCT LODGES AND TO AUTHORIZE GRAND LODGES TO PAY THEIR BENEFITS.

WHEREAS, In 1911 (Journal, pp. 339, 354, Report 53) The Sovereign Grand Lodge adopted legislation permitting Grand Lodges to provide for the admission of veteran members of the Order whose lodges had become defunct to join other lodges in the same Jurisdiction and permitting the Grand Lodge to protect such lodges for the sick and funeral benefits of such members; and,

WHEREAS, Section 309 of the Code of General Laws repeals and nullifies such legislation; and,

Whereas, It is now as much "a breach of fidelity and a reproach to the Order to neglect to provide for such worthy brothers" as it was then; therefore,

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 309 of the Code of General Laws be so amended as to read as follows:

"Sec. 309. Shall Not Pay Benefits—Exception. Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall not have power or authority, directly or indirectly, to pay or provide for the payment from their funds of any sick or funeral benefits; *provided*, That The Sovereign Grand Lodge hereby permits and authorizes Grand Lodges to enact legislation so as to make provision for brothers of defunct lodges who have been members of the Order for not less than twenty-five consecutive years, by the transfer of membership of such brothers to any other lodge of the Jurisdiction; and, provided, further, that the Grand Lodge may reimburse such lodges receiving them for the amount of sick and funeral benefits paid to such members in excess of the amount of dues collected from them by such lodges, but in such case the weekly sick benefits shall not exceed one-third the annual dues and the funeral benefit shall not exceed five times the annual dues."

(Not adopted. Report 95.)

Bill 6.

Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

A BILL PROVIDING THAT THE DEPUTY GRAND SIRE SHALL PASS UPON CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That a new section shall be added to the Code of General Laws, to be known as Sec. 637A and which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 637A. All new Constitutions and amendments to Constitutions of Grand Bodies and all constitutions and by-laws of subordinate bodies under the direct jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be submitted to the Deputy Grand Sire, who shall have the power to approve or to disapprove or to approve with such changes as he may deem proper to make therein.

"All such constitutions, etc., shall be submitted in duplicate. One copy shall be returned by the Deputy Grand Sire to the party submitting same and the other copy shall be sent to the Grand Secretary and by him submitted to the Committee on Constitutions and By-laws for final action."

(Not adopted. Reports 23 and 106.)

Bill 7.

Reps. Varnum, of Colorado, and Bradford, of District of Columbia, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committees on Finance and State of the Order:

A BILL TO CREATE A WAR RELIEF FUND AND WAR RELIEF COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge:

Section 1. There is hereby created a War Relief Commission to consist of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary, and two other members to be elected by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Section 2. There is hereby levied upon each Grand Lodge an assessment of ten (10) cents for each member of its subordinate lodges in good standing at the date of its last report, and a similar assessment upon all lodges under the direct supervision of The Sovereign Grand Lodge. This assessment may be paid from funds raised under the authority of Article XXII of the Code of General Laws (page 247, 1917 Journal), or otherwise, as each Grand Lodge may determine, and shall be paid to the Grand Secretary of The Sovereign Grand Lodge before December 1, 1918.

Section 3. The War Relief Commission is authorized, if in their judgment it is advisable, to levy from time to time upon each Grand Lodge an additional assessment of ten (10) cents per member, payable to the Grand Secretary of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, within 90 days of the notice of said levy. The Grand Secretary of The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall turn all such assessments over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. All such moneys shall be kept by the Grand Treasurer in a separate fund to be known as "The War Relief Fund," and paid out by him as ordered by said War Relief Commission.

Section 4. The War Relief Fund shall be expended under the direction of the War Relief Commission for extending relief, providing entertainment, and giving aid and comfort to the members of the Order, in the military or naval service, in Europe or elsewhere, and their dependent families, under such rules and regulations as the Commission may from time to time determine, and for employing such assistants as they may require in such work.

Section 5. For the purpose of determining the needs and opportunities for relief work overseas, the Commission shall immediately take such steps in the matter of the investigation of conditions as they may deem proper.

(Bill in lieu of above adopted. Report 72 and action on.)

Bill 8.

Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

A BILL PROVIDING THAT AN OFFICER OF ANY BODY IN THE ORDER SHALL, IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE, BE ENTITLED TO THE HONORS OF SUCH OFFICE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF HIS SUCCESSOR.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge:

"Section 1. When an officer of a subordinate or Grand Body of this Order enters the military service, during the present world-wide war,

he shall thereupon immediately be entitled to the honors of such office. The office shall be considered vacant, and his successor may be elected or appointed in accordance with law."

(Not adopted. Report 27.)

Bill 9.

Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committees on Finance and State of the Order:

ENACTING A NEW SECTION 109A PRESCRIBING A FORM OF VISITING CARD FOR SOLDIER MEMBERS.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That a new section be added to the Code of General Laws of the I. O. O. F., 1915, to be known as Section 109-A, as follows:

"Section 109A. Form of Visiting Card for Soldier Members. The following shall be the form of visiting card for members of subordinate lodges engaged in the military service of the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, or their Allies.

SOLDIERS' VISITING CARD. SUBORDINATE LODGE.

To All Whom it May Concern: This certifies that....., who has attained the..... degree, and whose name is written on the margin of this card in his own proper handwriting, is a member of .....Lodge, No. ....., located at ..... and working under a charter duly granted by authority of the Grand Lodge of .....; that said Brother is now engaged in the military service of .....

We, therefore, recommend him to your friendship and protection and admission into all regular lodges of Odd Fellowship until such time as, by proclamation of the Grand Sire, the present world-wide war shall be declared to have ended.

In Witness Whereof, We have subscribed our names and affixed the seal of our lodge this.....day of..... A. D., 19.....

.....
Noble Grand.

Attest:
(SEAL).....
Recording Secretary.

Similar visiting cards may be prepared for the use of the Encampment and Rebekah branches of the Order, should the Committee on Printing Supplies so order.

(Card authorized. Reports 9 and 87.)

Bill 10.

Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

BILL TO AMEND SECTION 685 OF THE CODE OF GENERAL LAWS I. O. O. F.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 685 of the Code of General Laws of the I. O. O. F., be amended by changing " $2400 " in line three thereof to read: " $3000," so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

" Sec. 685. Assistant Grand Secretary. The Assistant Grand Secretary shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of $3000 per year. In addition thereto he shall be allowed mileage for attendance upon the sessions of The Sovereign Grand Lodge at the same rate and to be fixed in the same manner as the mileage of Representatives."

(Adopted. Report 39.)

Bill 11.

Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

BILL TO AMEND SECTION 684 OF THE CODE OF GENERAL LAWS I. O. O. F.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 684 of the Code of General Laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by changing " $4500 " in line three thereof to $5000, so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

" Sec. 684. Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall receive for his services as Grand Secretary and as Adjutant General of the Patriarchs Militant the sum of $5000 per year. In addition thereto he shall be allowed mileage for attendance upon the sessions of The Sovereign Grand Lodge at the same rate and to be fixed in the same manner as the mileage of Representatives."

(Adopted. Report 39.)

Bill 12.

Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

TO AMEND SECTION 187 OF THE S. G. L. CODE RELATING TO CERTIFICATE TO MEMBER OF SUBORDINATE.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 187 of the S. G. L. Code be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 187. Certificate to Member of Subordinate. Whenever a member of a subordinate lodge shall be required to have a certificate of his rank and standing in such lodge as a pre-requisite to membership in any other branch of the Order the Recording Secretary of such subordinate shall upon request issue a certificate showing the rank and standing of the member in his lodge."

(Amended and adopted. Report 66 and action on.)

Bill 13.

Rep. Brown, of Alberta, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 493 OF THE CODE PROVIDING FOR WORTHY MEMBERS OF DEFUNCT SUBORDINATE LODGE, ENCAMPMENT, OR REBEKAH LODGE.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 493 of the Code of General Laws be amended by striking out the word "cannot" in the head line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "can," also substituting the letter "A" for the word "No," the first word in said section thereof, so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

"Sec. 493. Can Continue Membership after Charter Surrendered. A Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, shall have authority to provide by law, or otherwise, that the members of a defunct subordinate lodge, encampment, or Rebekah lodge, shall retain membership in the Order, by paying dues in any sum, to such Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment."

(Considered in Secret Session.)

Bill 14.

Rep. Billstein, of Maryland, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That every candidate for admission into the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on the Continent of North America be required to declare, in his application, his belief in and his undivided support of Government of the people, by the people, for the people.

(Not adopted. Report 28.)

Bill 15.

Past Grand Sire Pinkerton, of Massachusetts, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

RELATIVE TO THE EXCHANGE OF NON-ENGLISH FOR ENGLISH RITUALS.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That any subordinate or Rebekah lodge, or any subordinate encampment, whether under the jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge or of a State Grand Body which has in compliance with the request of the present Grand Sire, known as Circuliar Letter No. 9, voluntarily abandoned the use of other than the English language in ritualistic and lodge ceremonies and business, and substituted the English language therefor, and any other such lodges or encampments who shall prior to July 1, 1919, voluntarily so substitute the English language for that now in use by it, shall be entitled to exchange the rituals now in its possession for rituals printed in the English language, free of expense to said subordinate lodges or encampments, the exchange to be made ritual for ritual, and the Grand Secretary of The Sovereign Grand Lodge is authorized to furnish to the secretaries and scribes of Grand Bodies, without charge, the proper rituals to effect such changes.

(Not reported on. See Report 83 for action relative to exchange of rituals.)

Bill 16.

Rep. Leedy, of Indiana, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

FIXING PRICES OF SUPPLIES.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That the selling price of the following supplies by this Body through the office of the Grand Secretary thereof shall from and after November 1, 1918, be as follows, to wit:

Official Certificate Books	$ 0.50
Official Certificate Books, imprinted, mailed direct to subordinate bodies	.65
Official Certificate Books, imprinted, to Grand Secretary	.60
Veteran Jewels	8.00
Rebekah Veteran Jewels, small, plated	3.00
Rebekah Veteran Jewels, 10k. gold, small	7.00
Rebekah Veteran Jewels, large, plated	4.00
Past President's Jewel	45.00
Past Grand Officers' Jewels	33.00
Honorable Veteran Jewel, No. 1	45.00
Honorable Veteran Jewel, No. 2	25.00
Grand Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 1	12.00

Grand Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 2	$14.00
Grand Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 3	18.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 7	5.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 8	8.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 9	11.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 10	13.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 11	16.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 12	25.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 13	35.00
Cipher Books, all branches	.40

(Adopted. See action page 566.)

Bill 17.

Rep. Leedy, of Indiana, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

NEW WATCH CHARM VETERAN JEWEL.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That a new watch charm veteran jewel be adopted, of the following design, to wit: A shield of fourteen karat gold, crowned by the three links with appropriate ornamentation, upon the face of which is attached a facsimile of the veteran jewel in enamel, about five-eighths of an inch in diameter, the back of said jewel to be plain to admit of appropriate engraving.

(Adopted. See action page 569.)

Rep. Christensen, of Utah, moved that the consideration of Constitutional Amendments be made a special order for 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, which was agreed to.

Rep. Mohr, of Pennsylvania, moved that the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Rules of Order be made a special order for 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, which was agreed to.

Report 3. By Rep. Pardee, of Arkansas, from the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports, which was considered and adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports to whom were referred the reports of the Grand Officers, beg leave to recommend the following references:

TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER: All that part of the Grand Sire's report entitled as follows:

HISTORICAL.
WHAT ODD FELLOWSHIP IS.
SERVICE IN THE ORDER.
GROWTH OF THE ORDER.
PROCLAMATIONS.

Circular Letters Nos. 5 to 16 (except the following: Section 14E, Circular Letter No. 7, page 293; Circular Letter No. 8, pages 293 to 295; Sections 20 and 20A, Circular Letter No. 9, page 295, and Section 30, page 305).

JOINT INSTALLATION.
FRATERNAL PRESS.
SECRETARIES AND GRAND SECRETARIES.

Also all matter in the Grand Secretary's report entitled as follows:

All that part on pages 344 and 345.

That part on pages 345 and 346, entitled "RECORDS OF MEMBERS IN MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE."

That part on page 346, entitled "OFFICERS' REPORTS, DAILY JOURNALS, ETC."

That part on page 347, entitled "FRAUDULENT CASES."

That part on page 347, entitled "DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES."

All that part on page 347, entitled, "CHARTERS ISSUED WITHIN THE YEAR."

All that part on pages 347 and 348, entitled "CERTIFICATES ISSUED."

All that part on pages 348 to 354 inclusive, entitled "LIBRARY."

All that part on page 355, entitled "NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS."

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

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That part of the Grand Sire's report entitled "HALIFAX DISASTER," on pages 292 and 322 to 324.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ODD FELLOWS' HOMES:

That part of the Grand Sire's report on page 325, entitled "ODD FELLOWS' HOMES."

That part of the Grand Secretary's report, pages 355 and 358, entitled "HOMES, ASYLUMS, ETC.," together with statistical tables attached.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE:

That part of the Grand Sire's report on page 282, entitled "CORRESPONDENCE."

That part of the Grand Secretary's report, pages 358 to 384 inclusive, entitled "CORRESPONDENCE."

TO THE COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

That part of the Grand Sire's report, on pages 280 and 281, entitled "TRAVELS AND OFFICIAL VISITS."

That part of the Grand Sire's report, Section 14E, on page 292, entitled "OFFICIAL VISITS."

That part of the Grand Sire's report on page 325, entitled, "ACKNOWLEDGMENTS."

That part of the Grand Secretary's report, pages 346 and 347, entitled, "MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS."

That part of the Grand Secretary's report, on page 426, entitled "THE PRESENT SESSION IN ST. LOUIS," also "ACKNOWLEDGMENTS."

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:

That part of the Grand Sire's report, on pages 282 and 283, entitled "INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS."

That part of the Grand Secretary's report, on page 385, entitled "OVERSEA JURISDICTIONS."

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PATRIARCHS MILITANT:

That part of the Grand Sire's report, page 325, entitled, "PATRIARCHS MILITANT."

That part of the Grand Secretary's report, entitled "REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL."

TO THE COMMITTE ON CONSTITUTIONS:

That part of the Grand Sire's report, page 321, entitled, "CONSTITUTIONS."

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

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That part of the Grand Sire's report, page 324, entitled, "ASSOCIATION OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES."

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PATRIARCHAL BRANCH OF THE ORDER:

That part of the Grand Sire's report, page 325, entitled "PATRIARCHAL BRANCH."

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REBEKAH DEGREE:

That part of the Grand Sire's report, on page 324, entitled "REBEKAH DEGREE."

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING SUPPLIES:

That part of the Grand Sire's report contained in Sections 20 and 20A, page 300; also that part on page 324, entitled "LOST RITUALS"; and Section 30, page 305, "CREDENTIAL OF MEMBERS IN MILITARY SERVICE."

That part of the Grand Sire's report, page 320, entitled "RITUALS IN NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE."

TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF PAST GRAND SIRES:

That part of the Grand Sire's report, page 325, entitled "League to Enforce Peace."

Signed by the Committee.

Report 4. Past Grand Sire Pinkerton, of Massachusetts, from the Special Committee on Memorial:

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

"Friend after friend departs." Each year marks the passing away of some we have loved and esteemed. Every Memorial Proclamation of the Grand Sire records the death of some with whom we have been associated in The Sovereign Grand Lodge. And to-day we mourn the loss of one who was with us last session in apparently full physical and mental vigor, but whose chair is vacant now—our honored Past Grand Sire C. A. Keller. To many of the younger Representatives here he may have been known only by name. But to those who have met him year after year there comes a sense of personal loss; for he was "best loved by those who knew him best."

Brother Keller was born in Mount Vernon, Illinois, on November 24, 1851. His early education was received in McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois, and his legal training in Ann Arbor University, Michigan, from whence he graduated and was called to the bar in 1873. In that year he married Miss Nellie F. Raymond, of Lebanon, Illinois. After her death he married Miss Essie F. Haynes, of San Antonio, Texas.

He began the practice of his profession in his home town, Mount Vernon, and three years later was elected judge of a court having common law and probate jurisdiction. In 1885, on account of the ill health of Mrs. Keller, he removed to San Antonio, Texas, where he resided until his death on February 21, 1918.

He was made an Odd Fellow in Marion Lodge, No. 13, Illinois, on May 13, 1875, and soon after became a member of Jefferson Encampment, No. 91. He soon passed through the chairs in both his lodge and encampment, and in 1878 entered the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Here his advancement was rapid. In 1879, Grand Marshal; in 1880, Grand Warden; in 1881, Deputy Grand Master; in 1882, installed Grand Master. In 1884 he declined the nomination for Grand Representative, but in the following year was elected to the position. His removal to San Antonio in 1885, however, prevented his serving at that time.

In Texas he became at once as active an Odd Fellow as he had been in Illinois, and in 1888 we find him a member of the Grand Lodge, and in 1892 he was sent to The Sovereign Grand Lodge. Here he served his Jurisdiction—with a brief interval—until his election as Deputy Grand Sire in 1912. From his first entrance into this Body he took a prominent place. His professional training especially fitted him for the position he held on the Committee on Appeals, while on all questions that came up for consideration he was able to reach a definite conclusion quickly, and defend it with eloquent speech.

On his election to the office of Grand Sire in 1914, he entered energetically upon the work devolving upon him, and bravely bore the burden of responsibility which rests on every Grand Sire. He concerned himself with the minutest details of his office, assumed at times cares that he might have avoided, and bore with dignity the unjustifiable

criticism of recalcitrant members of the Order whose conduct evoked his censure.

An amiable as well as able man—of kindly disposition and genial manner—a splendid Odd Fellow and a sincere Christian—our departed brother has left behind him the fragrant memory of long years well spent—of work well done—bearing with him through the vicissitudes of his earthly pilgrimage "the white flower of a blameless life."

CL. T. CAMPBELL,
A. S. PINKERTON,
E. S. CONWAY,
JOHN B. GOODWIN,
JOHN B. COCKRUM,
J. B. A. ROBERTSON.
Past Grand Sires.

The question being on the report, it was adopted by a standing vote, and the Grand Secretary instructed to send certified copies to the widow of Past Grand Sire Keller and to his lodge and encampment.

Report 5. By Rep. Logan, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Appeals.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred appeal of H. A. Mackie from the Grand Lodge of Alberta, beg leave to report as follows:

SYLLABUS.

1. *Use of Emblems, Et Cetera, of the Order.*—Section 150 of the Code prohibits the use by any member of the Order, "of any of the emblems, the name of any of the titles or mottoes of the Order—in any advertisement or public display of his private business or for any other purpose not authorized by some law of the Order"; and this prohibition applies alike to all members of the Order.
2. *Member Can Appeal as Matter of Right—When.*—A member can appeal as a matter of right under the provisions of Section 713 of the Code, only when a final decision of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment affects adversely his personal interests as a member of the Order; therefore he cannot appeal from a decision construing Section 250 of the Code, when his interests are affected in common with the interests of all other members of the Order.

1. On February 16, 1918, Bro. H. A. Mackie, a member of Edmonton Lodge, No. 30, Jurisdiction of Alberta, addressed a communication to the Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in which he stated that in an election at which he

was candidate, his opponent circulated a political pamphlet bearing the imprint of *The Alberta Odd Fellow* at the bottom thereof. He requested an opinion as to whether or not the conduct of his opponent, assumed by us to be an Odd Fellow, in circulating this pamphlet was permissible under the laws of the Order.

2. A special committee was appointed to consider the question submitted by Brother Mackie, and it reported that under the laws of the Dominion, *The Alberta Odd Fellow* was compelled to have the words complained of by Brother Mackie printed on the pamphlet, or subject the printer and publisher to severe penalties. Further the committee found that Brother Mackie's opponent did not personally nor through any committee of Odd Fellows, cause the words complained of to be printed on said pamphlet, and that the pamphlet was not printed and issued through the Odd Fellows with the express purpose of appealing indirectly for the votes of Odd Fellows; and further, found that all members of the Order, including the opponent of Brother Mackie, "were entirely blameless, and innocent of the motive imputed in the letter."

3. From the action of the Grand Lodge, Brother Mackie attempts to appeal and in his appeal endeavors to call in question the finding of fact by the special committee that the *Alberta Odd Fellow* was compelled under the laws of the Dominion to print on the pamphlet the words complained of.

4. The pamphlet, a copy of which is made part of the record, contains nothing to indicate that its author was an Odd Fellow. However, it does show by the imprint of the publisher that it was printed by the *Alberta Odd Fellow.*

From the foregoing we conclude:

1. That this committee might not have jurisdiction of this question, if the appeal was legally taken and all the facts appeared of record, but this question we do not decide.

2. Section 250 of the Code contains a prohibition against the use by any member "of any of the emblems, the name or any of the titles or mottoes of the Order, ... in any advertisement or public display of his private business or for any other purpose not authorized by some law of the Order," and this prohibition applies alike to all members everywhere.

3. If Brother Mackie has any right to prosecute this appeal, it must be found in Section 713 of the Code. This section permits any member of the Order to appeal as a matter of right from a final decision of a Grand Lodge "affecting adversely his personal interests as a member of the Order."

4. No member may appeal as a matter of right unless the decision affects adversely his personal interests as a member of the Order. If his interests are affected in common with the interests of all other members of the Order, he has no permission to appeal as a matter of right. The interests affected must be more than an interest held in common with all other members of the Order.

As the provisions of Section 250 of the Code apply to all members alike, the interests of Brother Mackie as a member of the Order have not been affected in a degree different from that which the interests of all other members of the Order have been affected, if affected at all.

Therefore, the appellant had not the legal right to appeal; this Body is without jurisdiction to hear the matter and the appeal is dismissed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 6. By Rep. Merritt, of Washington, from the same Committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of David Jerome, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, respectfully submit the following report:

SYLLABUS.

1. *Record on Appeal—Presumption in Favor of Regularity of Proceedings Certified as Correct by a Grand Lodge.*—On an appeal to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, where the record certified by the Grand Lodge whose action is appealed from, while imperfect in some respects, contains a finding that all the proceedings of the subordinate lodge were in conformity with the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, such finding is presumed to be correct and will not be disturbed, unless clearly shown to be erroneous.
2. *Jeopardy.*—Where a Grand Master and a Grand Lodge reviewing the action of a subordinate, in expelling a member, find that there has been no legal trial, such finding is no bar to another trial of the accused upon the same charges.
3. *Manner of Voting on Penalties.*—The time and manner of voting on penalties are subject for Grand Lodge legislation.

STATEMENT.

This case, in some form, has been before the Grand Lodge of Quebec at each session for the past four years.

The action from which this appeal is taken was had at the session of 1916, though application was made and denied, to reopen the case in 1917.

The appellant was charged with "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow"; and certain acts of omission and commission were certified to this committee, over the seal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec as a "Statement of Facts"; which contained a finding that the action, trial and all proceedings were in accordance with the laws of the Order.

Appellant bases his appeal on the ground that he has committed no offense against the laws of the Order.

That the certified record contains statements that were not under review at the trial by the subordinate lodge.

That said statements prejudiced the Grand Lodge.

That the action of the Grand Master in setting aside the verdict on the first trial and of the Grand Lodge in sustaining that action, amounted to an acquittal and that he cannot be again placed in jeopardy and retried on the same charges.

That the vote of the lodge by which he was expelled was a standing vote and therefore illegal.

OPINION.

As an appellate body, we find ourselves bound by the certified record from the Grand Lodge and must hold that in the absence of convincing evidence to the contrary, all the proceedings of the subordinate lodge were in conformity with the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

That the unsupported statement of the appellant as to errors in the action of the Grand or subordinate lodge is not sufficient.

That The Sovereign Grand Lodge cannot question the certificate of one of its Grand Lodges in such cases.

It is therefore the opinion of this committee that, while there may be some question as to whether the acts charged in some of the five specifications upon which the appellant was tried and convicted, constitute an offense against the laws of the Order, there is no doubt that the charge of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, is a sufficient charge upon which to base a conviction, and that some, at least, of the specifications sustain this charge.

There is no merit in the contention of "twice in jeopardy." The action of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Quebec in the first appeal was not an acquittal, but a finding, that the alleged trial was illegal and said action was not a bar to a further trial by the lodge, on the same charges.

No copy of the Constitution or the By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, or of the constitution governing subordinates in that Jurisdiction, is furnished us, nor is our attention called to any provision against voting by standing vote. The time and mode of voting on penalties are matters for Grand Lodge legislation, and under these circumstances we are, again, bound by the finding of the Grand Lodge that the proceedings were regular under their laws.

We, therefore, recommend that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Quebec be affirmed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 7. By. Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, from the Sub-Committee on Finance.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Sub-Committee on Finance submit the following report:

Pursuant to a request from the chairman of the Finance Committee, the undersigned, a member of the Sub-Committee on Finance, on August 24, 1918, visited the office of the Grand Secretary in Baltimore and made a complete examination of the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, comparing and verifying all of such vouchers with the reports of said officers. Assistant Grand Secretary Kroh helped in the work and extended every courtesy and facility for a thorough examination. Grand Secretary Goodwin turned over to me and made accessible all his books, bank accounts and other records of his office needed for the purpose of the examination. I found the books and records kept in a systematic, business-like way, the system employed being a most efficient one for the special character of work incident to that office I found no error in the accounts nor the reports, either of the Grand Secretary or of the Grand Treasurer, and certify that said reports as printed are correct.

For a detailed statement of the receipts during the year ending July 31, 1918 (to save reprinting the tables herein) your attention is called to the financial statement as printed on page 411 of the report of the Grand Secretary, and to the recapitulation printed on page 424 of the same report. We also call your attention to the statement of the assets of The Sovereign Grand Lodge on page 424 of said report, which has been verified and found correct.

It will be noted that the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer on August 1, 1917, was $52,445.36 and that on July 31, 1918, the balance was $35,821.91, making a decrease of $16,623.45 in cash during the year. Of this amount $15,060.33 is acounted for by the investment in U. S. Liberty bonds, and a corresponding increase in our assets. This leaves a balance of $1563.12, as a decrease to be otherwise accounted for.

By referring to the table of "Assets of The Sovereign Grand Lodge," printed on page 424 of the Grand Secretary's report, it will be observed that there has been an increase of $1300.53 in assets during the year. This is accounted for by an increase of $1864.94 in the item of "Supplies at Cost Price," and an increase of $998.71 in "Debtor Balances" or accounts due from Grand Jurisdictions. These two items total $2863.65. Deducting $1563.12 (the loss in cash) from this leaves $1300.53, the increase in assets, which balances the financial statement.

While we show an increase of $1300.53 in assets it should be noted that under "Receipts" the item of "Interest on Deposits and Bonds" amounts to $6699.88, showing that our ordinary revenue has failed to meet our expenses by the difference between this amount and the increase in assets, or $5399.35, which amount has been used for expenses from the "Receipts for Interest on Deposits and Bonds."

The receipts from the sale of supplies for the year ending July 31, 1918, were $78,156.59 and the profit on these sales was $37,374.79. For the year ending July 31, 1917, the sale of supplies amounted to $92,328.29, on which the profit was $44,115.80. It will thus be noted that compared with the previous year there was a decrease in the sale of supplies during the fiscal year just closed amounting to $14,171.70 and a decrease in profits on supplies of $6741.01.

This condition indicates, we believe, that the margin of profits on supplies has become too small, due to the increase in cost, and if we are to maintain our financial reserves and be able to meet our running expenses, increases should be made, unless expenses can be reduced to equalize the reduction in receipts. This seems impossible under present conditions. It is a well-recognized fact that all things entering into the cost of supplies have advanced materially in price, and all things needful for living have likewise advanced. We believe the officers of The Sovereign Grand Lodge are using every effort to keep down expenses and are conducting our business as economically as possible. No indication of waste is in evidence about our headquarters, but on the other hand, the office is operated in a most systematic and economical manner under the able supervision of our beloved Grand Secretary and with the industrious and efficient assistance of his capable assistant, Brother Kroh, and Sister Wright, whose services as clerk and stenographer for years have been exceptionally valuable. The Order is to be congratulated on having its business affairs in such loyal and capable hands.

Respectfully submitted,
E. W. BRADFORD.

Report 8. By Rep. Leedy, of Indiana, from the Committee on Printing Supplies.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Printing Supplies submit the following report:

Only one meeting of the committee has been held since the last session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, as it was found that all business before the committee could be postponed until the summer meeting. Thus the expense of mileage and per diem for the fall meeting was saved, as had been done the previous year.

A meeting was, therefore, held by this committee, together with the Sub-Committee on Finance, commencing June 27, 1918, which was attended by Brother Goudy, Grand Sire, and all members of both committees. At this meeting the following business was transacted:

OFFICERS' REPORTS AND JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

Bids for furnishing paper for the 1918 Officers' Reports and JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS were received and considered, and the bid of Smith-Dixon Co., of Baltimore, the lowest and best bidder, was accepted.

Bids for printing the 1918 Reports and JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS were received and considered, and the Lord Baltimore Press, of Baltimore, being the lowest and best, was accepted and the contract awarded to them.

DAILY JOURNAL.

Bids for printing the Daily Journal at St. Louis for the 1918 session were received and the bid of the Von Hoffman Press, being the lowest and best, was accepted and the contract awarded accordingly.

CONTRACTS FOR JEWELS.

For furnishing jewels of The Sovereign Grand Lodge the contract was awarded to The M. C. Lilley & Co., of Columbus, Ohio.

ELABORATION OF CERTAIN JEWELS.

The Sub-Committee previously appointed, consisting of Brothers Bradford, Cox and Avery, to consider the matter of authorizing the elaboration of certain jewels, reported that they deemed it inadvisable to make any change in the jewels at this time, and the report was adopted.

NEW WATCH CHARM VETERAN JEWEL.

The matter of a new design watch charm veteran jewel pending before the committee was considered (a sample jewel having been before the committee at the Louisville session in 1917). The committee approved the same and recommended its adoption by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

UNIVERSAL WATCH CHARM CONSIDERED.

A sub-committee was appointed to secure designs for a universal watch charm, to be purchased by any member of the Order regardless of service, the sub-committee being Brothers Bradford, Cox and Avery.

FIXING PRICE OF SUPPLIES.

Finding the same necessary and proper to be done, because of the increase in the cost of the same and the reduction in revenue to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, the committee considered the price at which certain supplies should be sold by The Sovereign Grand Lodge and recommended that changes be made and prices be fixed according to Bill to be introduced carrying out the same. This being emergency legislation, it is recommended that the same go into effect November 1, 1918.

BILLS APPROVED.

The chairman of this committee has approved all bills for printing, lithographing and for jewels and paper supplied during the past year, and warrants have been issued and paid by the Grand Treasurer as follows: Jewels, $28,399.88; paper, $2006.08; printing and lithographing, $18,505.84; total, $48,911.80.

Your committee, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted.

Resolved, That Bills be introduced and adopted providing for changing and fixing prices of supplies, authorizing the new watch charm veteran jewel and the universal watch charm.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 9. By Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing Supplies.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Printing Supplies, to whom certain portions of the Grand Sire's report were referred in the report of the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports, beg leave to report:

We have considered the subjects referred to us and recommend that the recommendations of the Grand Sire in paragraphs 20 and 20A, on page 300, of his report, be approved, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to change rituals printed in the English language for rituals printed in any foreign language, on surrender of such rituals printed in any foreign language by any lodge working in any foreign language and without expense to the lodge.

That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish a copy of the unwritten work in English to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, in exchange for a copy of the unwritten work, in German, on its surrender by said Grand Lodge.

That the recommendation of the Grand Sire, in paragraph 30, page 305, of this report, be approved, and that the Grand Secretary and chairman of the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to prepare a form of visiting card for use of members of the Order engaged in the military or naval service, to be good for the duration of the war, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish such certificates to the Grand Secretary of each Grand Jurisdiction free of charge, in such numbers as may be required for the purpose.

That the subject matter referred to in paragraph 32, page 320, of the Grand Sire's report, has been duly considered by the committee and we recommend that all further consideration of the preparation or printing of rituals in the Norwegian language be dismissed.

That we have considered the matter referred to in paragraph 41, page 324 of his report, and agree that some action should be taken to guard against the loss of rituals, but have no recommendation to make at this time and have postponed the subject for future consideration.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 10. By Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports, to whom was referred the Supplemental Report of the Grand Sire, recommend that its subject matter be referred as follows:

That part relating to deceased Grand Representatives, to a Special Committee on Necrology.

That part relating to Food Conservation, and the Report of the Representative of the Grand Sire on this subject, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That part of the report relating to the "Win the War for Permanent Peace Convention," held in Philadelphia under the auspices of the League to Enforce Peace, including the report of the committee, be referred to the Past Grand Sires.

That part of the report relating to the Commission for Investigating Matters for the Fraternities and their members in Europe, be referred to the Joint Committee consisting of the Committee on State of the Order and the Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 11. By Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, beg to report that we have given careful consideration to Decision 3, and are of the opinion that it should be reversed. The transfer law as enacted in 1914 was carried into the Code in a modified form and Section 160 of the Code provides that the issuing of a transfer certificate severs membership from the body issuing it, except in certain conditions named in that section. Section 533 further provides that membership in the body granting the transfer certificate is not severed until the certificate is received and deposited and the constitution signed. It thus appears that the provisions of the Code completely covers the whole subject. If the holder of the certificate becomes sick or disabled so as to be entitled to benefits during the period covered by the advanced payment of dues to the body granting the certificate, the certificate is *ipso facto* canceled; but if no such sickness or disability intervenes the right to complete membership in the new body by depositing the certificate and signing the constitution continues without limit as to time.

The standing of the holder of such certificate after the expiration of the period covered by the advanced payment of dues is the same as a

non-beneficial member of the body granting the certificate and he can become a beneficial member in the new body only by completing his membership therein and in accordance with its laws.

We therefore recommend for adoption the following:

Resolved, That Decision 3 of the Grand Sire be, and the same is, hereby disapproved and reversed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 12. By Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire beg to report that we recommend the approval of the following:

Decisions numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, and 71.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 13. By Rep. Mohr, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire beg to report that we have carefully considered Decision 22 and would recommend that the same be revised so as to read as follows:

"WITHDRAWAL CARD, DEPOSIT OF.—A brother holding an expired withdrawal card cannot regain membership in the lodge granting the same by reinstatement, but shall be permitted to apply for membership by deposit of such card at the place of his residence upon such terms and the payment of such fee as the laws may require." (S. G. L. Code 96 and 97.)

Signed by the Committee.

Report 14. By Rep. Christensen, of Utah, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire respectfully report that we have carefully examined Decision 24 and recommend that the same be approved with the following amendment:

Add after the word "restrictions" the words "except as limited by Sec. 316 of the Code," so that the decision, when amended, will read as follows:

"An entertainment fund raised entirely by voluntary contributions or entertainment given for that purpose, may be expended without restriction except as limited by Sec. 316 of the Code. If the lodge surrenders

its charter, this money should be turned over with the other funds of the lodge."

Signed by the Committee.

Report 15. By Rep. Mohr, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire beg to report that after giving careful attention to Decision 30, would recommend that the same be revised so as to conform to the General Code of Laws 709 and 710, so as to read as follows:

"District Deputy Grand Sires, Expenses.—The necessary expenses incurred by a District Deputy Grand Sire in the performance of his official duties or in carrying out the directions of the Grand Sire or Grand Secretary, shall be paid by The Sovereign Grand Lodge. However, all charges for traveling expenses must be paid by a subordinate lodge whenever he is invited by such lodge to visit it for some legitimate purpose."

Signed by the Committee.

Report 16. By Rep. Pardee, of Arkansas, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire beg to report that we have carefully considered Decision 41, and are of the opinion that the phraseology of same should be changed.

We, therefore, recommend the following:

Decision 41 (S. G. L. Code 400—Kentucky). A Past Grand in good standing in his own lodge, who is a member of, and resides within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, is eligible to election as Grand Master without previous service in any other Grand Lodge office.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 17. By Rep. Pardee, of Arkansas, from the Special Committee on Revision of Rules of Order.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

We, your committee appointed by authority of Resolution 22, page 206, Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal of 1917, to revise the Rules of Order of this Grand Body, beg leave to submit the following report:

RULES OF ORDER OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F.

GRAND SIRE.

1. GRAND SIRE TO TAKE CHAIR.—The Grand Sire shall take the chair at the hour of meeting of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, immediately call the members to order, and, on the appearance of a quorum, cause the Journal of the Proceedings of the last day's sitting to be read.

2. Organization of Grand Lodge.—He shall organize The Sovereign Grand Lodge on the first day of its communication by directing the Grand Secretary to call the names of the Officers and Representatives. He shall then direct the Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal to examine the Representatives present and report to him the result; and if all are correct, and a quorum be present, he shall then direct the Deputy Grand Sire to proclaim The Sovereign Grand Lodge duly opened.

3. Grand Sire's Report.—He shall, after the organization of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, present a report of his acts and doings during recess.

4. To Appoint Special Committees.—He shall, unless otherwise ordered, appoint all special committees ordered by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

5. To Preserve Order.—The Grand Sire shall preserve order and decorum during the sessions, and shall have general control of the hall in which The Sovereign Grand Lodge holds its sessions.

6. To Sign All Papers.—He shall sign all papers and documents requiring his signature, and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, by any member; on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by permission of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

7. Manner of Putting Questions.—He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting, and shall put the question in this form, to-wit: "As many as are in favor (as the question may be), say aye," and after the affirmative vote is expressed, "As many as are opposed, say no." After the negative vote is expressed he shall then declare the result in the following form, to-wit: "The ayes seem to have it, the ayes have it," or vice versa; if he doubts, or a division is called for, the lodge shall divide; those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and then those in the negative, and shall remain standing until counted by the Grand Officers, which being reported, he shall rise and state the decision.

8. Votes only on Equal Division.—He shall have the casting vote whenever The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be equally divided, other than upon a ballot for officers, but shall not vote upon any other occasion.

9. Two Members Rising to Speak.—When two or more members rise to speak, the Grand Sire shall name the member who is entitled to the floor.

Decorum and Debate.

10. Members Shall Rise to Speak.—When any member desires to speak or deliver any matter to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, he shall rise and respectfully address himself to the Grand Sire, and, on being recognized, may address The Sovereign Grand Lodge from his desk, or from the Grand Secretary's desk, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding personality.

11. To Speak But Once.—A member shall not speak more than once to the same question without unanimous consent, until every member who chooses to speak shall have spoken.

12. Conduct of Members During Session.—While the Grand Sire is putting a question, or addressing The Sovereign Grand Lodge, a member shall not walk out of, or across, the room, nor when a member is speaking pass between him and the chair; and during the session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge no member shall wear his hat, or remain by the

Grand Secretary's desk during the call of the roll or the counting of ballots, or smoke upon the floor of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the Grand Marshal is charged with the strict enforcement of this rule.

13. Roll Call.—Upon every roll-call the name of the members shall be called alphabetically by surname; when two or more members have the same surname, the name shall be followed by the Jurisdiction represented, and after the roll has been once called, the Grand Secretary shall call, in alphabetical order, the names of those not voting; and if any member not voting shall be temporarily absent from the hall, when his name is called on the call of those not voting, the Representative present from the same Grand Body shall be allowed to cast one vote for such absent member; and the Grand Secretary shall place the word "absent" opposite the name of the absent Representative, and thereafter the Grand Sire shall not entertain a request to record a vote of such absent Representative.

14. Motion Reduced to Writing.—Every motion made to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and entertained by the Grand Sire, shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member, and shall be entered on the Journal with the name of the member making it, unless it is withdrawn the same day.

15. Motion During Debate.—When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to take a recess, to lay on the table, for the previous question (which motion shall be decided without debate), to postpone to a time certain, to refer, to amend, to commit or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and no motion to postpone to a time certain, to refer or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day at the same stage of the question. A motion to adjourn or to take a recess shall always be in order.

16. Division of Questions.—On the demand of any member, before the question is put, a question shall be divided, if it includes propositions so distinct in substance that one being taken away a substantive proposition shall remain.

17. Motion to Strike Out and Insert.—A motion to strike out and insert is indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost shall neither preclude amendment nor motion to strike out and insert; and a motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall not be admitted under color of amendment.

18. Previous Question Cuts Off Debate.—The previous question being ordered by a majority vote, shall have the effect to cut off all debate and bring The Sovereign Grand Lodge to a direct vote upon the immediate question or questions upon which it has been asked and ordered. The previous question may be asked and ordered upon a single motion, a series of motions allowable under the rules, or an amendment or amendments, or may be made to embrace all motions and amendments. It shall be in order pending the motion for the previous question, and before it has been ordered, for the Grand Sire to entertain and submit a motion to commit with or without instructions, to a standing or select committee, which motion to commit shall be decided without debate.

19. Incidental Questions.—All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate

20. Motion to Reconsider.—Any member who has voted in favor of the decision may move for the reconsideration thereof, and such motion

shall take precedence of all other questions except a motion to adjourn, or to take a recess or the orders of the day.

21. Motion to Amend.—When a motion or proposition is under consideration, a motion to amend and a motion to amend the amendment shall be in order, and it shall also be in order to offer a further amendment by way of substitution.

22. Suspension of Rules.—A rule shall not be suspended except by a two-thirds vote. When a motion to suspend the rule has been seconded, it shall be in order, before the final vote is taken thereon, to debate the proposition to be voted upon.

23. Demand for Reading a Paper.—When the reading of a paper, other than that upon which the Grand Lodge is called to give a final vote, is demanded, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined without debate by a vote of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

24. Priority of Business.—All questions relating to priority of business shall be decided without debate.

25. Must be in Regalia.—A member shall not be permitted to speak or vote unless clothed in proper regalia.

26. No Motion During Ballot.—During the progress of a ballot for an officer, a motion cannot be entertained, or debate or explanation permitted.

27. Members, how Designated.—Every officer and member shall be designated by his proper title or office, according to his standing in the Order.

28. Interruption While Speaking.—A member shall not interrupt another while speaking, except with the consent of the member speaking, unless to explain or call him to order for words spoken.

29. Calling Members to Order.—If a member while speaking shall be called to order, he shall, at the request of the chair, take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

30. Filling Blanks.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

31. Reports at Morning Session.—No matter shall be considered at any morning session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge until all the committees shall have had an opportunity of presenting reports; and the Grand Sire shall call for reports of committees in the order of their appointment.

32. Committee of Previous Session.—It is the duty of a committee appointed at one communication to perform a duty to report at the next, although some of the members of the committee have ceased to be members of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

33. Protest of Members.—Any member has the right to protest, and have his protest spread upon the Journal.

34. Members to Serve on Committees.—Every member must, unless excused by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, serve on committees when appointed thereto.

Committees.

35. Chairman of Committee.—The first named member of a committee shall be the chairman, and, in his absence, or being excused by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, the next named member, and so on, as often as the case shall happen, unless the committee, by a majority vote of its members, elect a chairman.

36. Reference of Business.—Business presented to The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be referred except as otherwise ordered, as follows:

To the Committee on State of the Order, all questions in relation to the work of the Order.

To the Committee on the Judiciary, all questions in relation to the construction of the laws of the Order, and the decisions of the Grand Sire upon questions of law.

To the Committee on Legislation, all proposed legislation which is general in its application or is the repeal of existing laws.

To the Committee on Finance, all matters in relation to the finances of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and all propositions involving supplies or an appropriation of money.

To the Committee on Appeals, all appeals from the action of Grand Jurisdictions, and from subordinate bodies under the exclusive Jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Constitutions, all amendments to the Constitutions of subordinate Grand Bodies, or subordinate lodges and encampments under the exclusive jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on International Relations, all matters in relation to the Order in foreign countries.

To the Committee on Patriarchal Branch of the Order, such matters relating to patriarchal affairs as shall be referred to it.

To the Committee on the Rebekah Degree, all matters relating to that degree.

To the Committee on Correspondence, all correspondence in relation to the business of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Order, requiring action by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Petitions, all petitions and memorials, requiring action by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Returns, all returns from Grand Jurisdictions and from subordinate lodges and encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Unfinished Business, the duty of examining the Journal of prior sessions and to report such matters as remain undetermined.

To the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, all matters not herein specified for reference to any other committee.

To the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, all matters relating to such Grand Bodies requiring action by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Credentials, the credentials of the Representatives.

To the Committee on Printing Supplies, such matters as are prescribed by law, and such matters as may be referred to it.

To the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, all matters in relation to the mileage and per diem of the Officers and Representatives.

To the Committee on Drawing for Seats, the duty of drawing the seats to be occupied by the Representatives during the session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

To the Committee on Odd Fellows' Homes, such matters pertaining to all Widows', Orphans' or Odd Fellows' Homes as shall be referred to it.

37. Action on Favorable Report Upon Bill.—When the committee to whom a bill has been referred (said bill having been introduced in accordance with Article XV of the Constitution of The Sovereign Grand

Lodge), shall have reported favorably upon same, the question shall not be upon the acceptance of the report, but upon the passage of the bill itself. Upon such question the roll shall be called as provided in the Constitution. Should the report suggest amendments the amendments shall be considered as pending when the bill is put upon its passage. The adoption of a motion to table, to indefinitely postpone or other subsidiary motion having like parliamentary effect, shall remove not only the report but the bill itself and all pending amendments thereto.

38. Action on Adverse Report Upon Bill.—An adverse report upon a bill shall be regarded as a final disposition of the bill for the entire session, unless the body shall, on motion, agree to its consideration notwithstanding the adverse report. If the body shall agree to the consideration of such bill, it shall be immediately placed upon its passage, and the procedure prescribed by Rule 37 shall, so far as applicable, be observed.

39. Majority and Minority Reports.—When majority and minority reports are submitted, the majority report shall be considered as the report of the committee and the provisions of Rules 37 and 38, so far as applicable shall control; but a motion to substitute the minority report for that of the majority shall always be in order until the majority report has been finally disposed of or the previous question ordered thereon.

40. Committee on Credentials.—The Committee on Credentials shall have leave to report at any time.

41. Questions of Reference.—The question of reference of any proposition shall be decided without debate in the following order, viz.: a standing committee, a select committee.

42. Reports, When Acted Upon.—The report of a committee shall not be acted upon on the day of its presentation, except reports from the following committees: On Credentials, on Drawing for Seats, on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports, on Unfinished Business; provided, that subjects reported back as being improperly referred, may, without a suspension of this rule, be referred to the proper committee; and, provided, that committee reports submitted on the last day of the session may be considered without suspension of this rule.

43. Statement of Facts in Report.—When a report of the Committee on Appeals, or a resolution accompanying the same, is regularly before The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and action is being had thereon, the statement of facts contained in the report of the committee and in the record of appeal shall be deemed conclusive; provided, that both parties to the appeal have been heard or have had an opportunity to be heard, and the report shall so state, and it shall not be in order to make any statement in debate thereon inconsistent with the facts so stated in such report or record. This rule shall not apply when action is had upon a motion to recommit such report with instructions.

44. Questions in Duplicate.—Any proposition offered for reference to any standing committee, which shall require an entry in full on the Journal, shall be submitted in duplicate, either in print or in manuscript; and, if in writing, it shall be on paper not less in size than half a page of foolscap.

45. Notice by Standing Committees.—When The Sovereign Grand Lodge has, by vote, determined to adjourn for the day, or the hour of adjournment has arrived, before declaring the body adjourned, the

Grand Sire shall call upon the chairman of the several standing committees to give any notice they may desire with regard to the time and place of meeting of the several committees.

46. POINTS OF ORDER NOT PROVIDED FOR.—All points of order not herein provided for shall be decided in the discretion of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, according to the usages and customs of parliamentary practice as set forth in Cushing's Manual.

47. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—The business of The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be transacted in the following order:

(1) The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be opened in due form.
(2) The roll of Officers and Representatives shall be called.
(3) Appointment and report of Committee on Credentials.
(4) Appointment and report of Committee on Drawing Seats.
(5) Appointment of other Standing Committees.
(6) Reading the Journal of previous day's session and action thereon.
(7) Reports of Grand Officers shall be presented.
(8) Petitions and Memorials presented.
(9) Communications presented and read.
(10) Reports of Standing and Select Committees received.
(11) Calling the Jurisdictions for the presentation of resolutions, etc.
(12) Consideration of reports of committees.
(13) Deferred and New Business considered.
(14) This order of business may be transposed or dispensed with, by The Sovereign Grand Lodge.
(15) When the business is concluded the Grand Chaplain shall offer a prayer, and the Deputy Grand Sire shall proclaim The Sovereign Grand Lodge duly closed.

Fraternally submitted,
G. W. PARDEE,
LEON S. MERRILL,
W. W. MILLAN.

The Grand Sire appointed Past Grand Sires Cockrum, Pinkerton and Deputy Grand Sire Borst a committee to visit Rep. Kingsbury, of Massachusetts, confined to his hotel by sickness, and the committee was authorized to procure flowers and present them to Rep. Kingsbury.

Rep. Mohr, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Body adjourn until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, which was agreed to.

The chair accordingly declared The Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourned.

TUESDAY, September 17, 1918, 9 A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Sire, Frank C. Goudy, presiding.

Present: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Sires and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Rev. J. A. Lucas, Grand Chaplain, offered prayer.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared The Sovereign Grand Lodge open for business.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the previous meeting, when it was moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with, which was agreed to.

The Grand Sire announced the following appointments:

Assistant Grand Guardian: H. C. Stevens, P. G. Rep., of Kansas.
Assistant Grand Messenger: W. M. Glenn, P. G. Rep., of Kansas.

Rep. Davis, of Illinois, moved that Bill 18, page 181, Journal of 1917, be referred to the Committee on Legislation, which was agreed to.

The Body proceeded to the consideration of reports as they appear on the Journal.

Report 5, page 467, from the Committee on Appeals, was considered and adopted.

Report 6, page 469, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 7, page 470, from the Sub-Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

Report 8, page 472, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, was considered and adopted.

Report 9, page 473, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 10, page 474, from the Committee on Distribution of Grand Officers' Reports, was considered and adopted.

Report 11, page 474, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered and adopted.

Report 12, page 475, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 13, page 475, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 14, page 475, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 15, page 476, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 16, page 476, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Resolution 5. Past Grand Sire Pinkerton, of Massachusetts, moved the following for which he asked immediate consideration:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to convey by telegraph to our beloved Senior Past Grand Sire Campbell, the greetings and good wishes of The Sovereign Grand Lodge for his happiness and prosperity and its regret that he is absent from our gathering.

The question being on the resolution, it was adopted by a rising vote.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved that the Special Order, being the consideration of Report 17, page 476, from the Special Committee on Rules of Order, be now taken up, which was agreed to.

The question being on the report, Rep. Bradford, of the District of Columbia, moved to amend by substituting the word "proposes" for the word "is" in the ninth line of paragraph 36, which was agreed to.

Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved to amend by substituting the word "immediate" for the word "exclusive" in the fourteenth and eighteenth lines of paragraph 36, which was agreed to.

Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved to amend by substituting the words "from Jurisdictions other than on the Continent of North America" for the words "in foreign countries" in the twentieth line of paragraph 36, which was agreed to.

Rep. Emmins, of Texas, moved to amend by adding the following sentence to the report: "The adoption of this report repeals all former Rules of Order of The Sovereign Grand Lodge," which was agreed to.

Rep. Thompson, of Michigan, moved to amend by inserting the words "on that roll call" between the words "vote" and "of" in the eleventh line of paragraph 13, which was agreed to.

Rep. Martin, of Idaho, moved to amend, by striking out the words "or vote" in the second line of paragraph 25, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, as amended, it was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Body proceeded to the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing two years.

The Grand Sire appointed as tellers: Reps. Varnum, of Colorado; Martin, of Idaho; McKinnon, of Manitoba.

For Grand Sire, Rep. Trautmann, of New York, nominated Deputy Grand Sire Henry V. Borst, of New York.

Upon motion of Rep. Mahoney, of Wisconsin, Grand Secretary Goodwin cast the ballot, and the Grand Sire declared Henry V. Borst, of New York, unanimously elected Grand Sire for the ensuing two years.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge proceeded to call the Jurisdictions for the nominations for Deputy Grand Sire, when the following names were presented:

For Deputy Grand Sire:

Rep. Stiefelmeyer, of Alabama, nominated Rep. Oliver, of Ontario.

Rep. Barrow, of Louisiana, nominated Rep. Pardee, of Arkansas.

Rep. Wood, of District of Columbia, nominated Rep. Millan, of District of Columbia.

Rep. Logan, of Kentucky, nominated Rep. Potter, of Kentucky.

Rep. Bird, of Missouri, nominated Rep. Eastin, of Missouri.

Rep. Millan, of District of Columbia, withdrew his name.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for Deputy Grand Sire, with the following result:

VOTES CAST.

Rep. Oliver	112
Rep. Pardee	11
Rep. Potter	30
Rep. Eastin	51
Total	204

Reps. Pardee, Potter and Eastin, moved that the election of Rep. Oliver, of Ontario, as Deputy Grand Sire be made unanimous, which was agreed to, and the Grand Sire declared Joseph Oliver, of Ontario, unanimously elected Deputy Grand Sire, for the ensuing two years.

Past Grand Sire Conway nominated John B. Goodwin, of Maryland, for Grand Secretary. Rep. Norman, of Colorado, moved that Grand Treasurer Cox cast the unanimous vote of the Body, which was agreed to, and the Grand Sire declared John B. Goodwin unanimously elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing two years.

Past Grand Sire Pinkerton nominated Rep. Cox, of Kentucky for Grand Treasurer. Rep. Emmins, of Texas, moved that the Grand Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Body, which was agreed to, and the Grand Sire declared Wm. H. Cox, of Kentucky, Grand Treasurer for the ensuing two years.

The Grand Sire appointed the following Special Committee to convey fraternal greetings and good wishes to the National Association of Rebekah Assemblies now in session: Reps. Thompson, of Michigan; Davis, of Illinois; Spears, of Indiana.

Rep. Rinehart moved that the selection of a meeting place for next year be made a special order for Thursday, at 10 A. M., which was agreed to.

Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved that The Sovereign Grand Lodge resolve itself into Secret Session, which was agreed to.

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After some time spent in Secret Session, the Body receded therefrom and resumed regular business.

The Jurisdictions were called when the following were presented:

Resolution 6. Past Grand Sire Pinkerton, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Sire be authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of this Order, to cooperate so far as circumstances permit and his judgment approves, with the Young Men's Christian Association, the American Red Cross, or any other instrumentality approved and permitted by governmental authorities in such services as can be rendered to all soldiers of freedom, whether engaged in the military or naval service of the United States or of its Allies, to the end that the Order may, in a spirit of fraternity and true helpfulness, lend all possible aid to the established instrumentalities of relief, and it is suggested that he tender to such Association the services as Secretaries or otherwise, of such members of the Order as may desire to be enrolled in any of those activities whereby the brotherhood of man is exemplified and the lessons of Odd Fellowship illustrated.

(Not adopted. Report 96.)

Resolution 7. Past Grand Sire Pinkerton, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That The Sovereign Grand Lodge fraternally suggests to all subordinate lodges, encampments and Rebekah lodges wherever located, that in addition to keeping a record of the membership engaged in military service, that they should also keep in touch with the families of such members, and through the Visiting Committee or otherwise, exemplify the teachings of our Fraternity by frequent and if possible, weekly visits to such families, rendering them such fraternal assistance, encouragement and comfort as may be possible, thus assuring our brethren in service that we at home are watchful of those they love.

(Adopted. Report 62.)

Resolution 8. Rep. Coy, of Nebraska, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That faternal greetings be sent from this Grand Body to the Paulliac Three Linkers, an organization of Odd Fellows with our Military and Naval Forces in France.

(Not adopted. Report 97.)

Resolution 9. Rep. Davis, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Committees on Finance and State of the Order:

WHEREAS, We now have in the military and naval service opposed to the Central Powers 100,724 men, and probably as many more will enter the service under the recent registration; and

WHEREAS, Victories in war are not won without losses, and we must expect that the soldiers and sailors who are members of the Order will share the same fate as those who are not members; and

WHEREAS, This Order will want to render adequate assistance to those in the service when they shall need it; and

WHEREAS, We should now set our minds to the task of seeking information and complete data so that any legislation which may be contemplated or enacted at the next session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, for the relief and assistance of these brothers, and that these facts may be available when needed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Sire, consisting of five members of this Body, two members of which shall consist of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary of this Sovereign Body, to ascertain from the various Grand Jurisdictions the number of wounded and permanently disabled soldiers and sailors of the various Jurisdictions, the financial condition of said brothers and the financial condition of the subordinate lodges of which they are members, and what each Jurisdiction is doing for the relief of their members, who have been disabled in the service, and such other information which in the judgment of the committee shall be valuable to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and report their findings to this Body at the next session, together with any recommendations which said committee shall desire to make.

(Not adopted. Report 55.)

Resolution 10. Rep. Judge, of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

WHEREAS, Bro. A. Hussmann, a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., and formerly a member of Wallenstein Lodge, No. 428, I. O. O. F., of Brooklyn, N. Y., is interned by the Government of Great Britain at Glendairy Detention Camp, Barbadoes, West Indies, apparently upon the ground that he is a subject of the Imperial Government of Germany. The following statement of fact in reference to this brother would seem to warrant this Sovereign Grand Lodge interesting itself in this matter with the view of securing his release.

HISTORY.

Brother Hussmann is twenty-five years old, having immigrated to the United States in May, 1911, arriving May 26, 1911, since which time he has been a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y. He made declaration of intention under date of November 13, 1913. On June 12, 1914, he was initiated in Wallenstein Lodge, No. 428, I. O. O. F., Brooklyn, N. Y. On April 20, 1916, he was fifteen months in arrears for dues and was sus-

pended for non-payment of dues. This action by the lodge seems to have been illegal because of a provision in the constitution of subordinate lodges of the State of New York which provides that any member who may be in the naval service of the United States or engaged in the commercial marine sailing to foreign or coastwise ports, shall be allowed twelve months in addition to the one year allowed other members in which to pay dues. From the nature of the general occupation of Hussmann, it seems safe to assume that he was engaged in the commercial marine at the time of his suspension and was not given the benefit of the constitutional privilege The lodge is now willing to reinstate Hussmann providing he can furnish a certificate of good health.

It appears from the record furnished by Hussmann that he was employed as an oiler on the American ship Isabella and was taken off that ship by the British authorities at Barbadoes, West Indies, on January 8, 1916, the ship having put into Barbadoes to replenish its coal bunkers. It should be noted here that at this time, January 8, 1916, the United States was not at war with Germany.

An effort has been made to secure the release of Hussmann through the Department of State at Washington but that department replies that it is not in a position to take this matter up with the British Government for the reason that Hussmann is not an American citizen; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Sire take this matter under advisement and if in his judgment it is proper, make an appeal to the Ambassador of Great Britain at Washington, or to adopt any other method which in his judgment is proper to secure the release of Brother Hussmann.

(Adopted. Report 44.)

Resolution 11. Rep. Billstein, of Maryland, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to print in the revised JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS only so much of the annual reports of the "Homes, Asylums, etc., of the Order," as is necessary in his judgment and that it be printed in such manner as to conform to the size page of the Journal.

(Adopted. Report 87.)

Bill 18.

Past Grand Sire Pinkerton, of Massachusetts, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Rebekah Degree:

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE CODE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION THERETO AFTER SECTION 319 TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 319A, DEFINING THE USES WHICH MAY BE MADE OF CONTINGENT FUNDS BY REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That the following section be added to the Code to be numbered 319A.

"Section 319A. Any Rebekah Assembly which has created or shall hereafter create by authority of the Grand Lodge of its Jurisdiction a contingent fund, as provided by Section 319, of the Code, may, in its discretion, use such part of such contingent fund as may be necessary to pay the expense of delegates to meetings of Rebekah Assemblies or Associations, and to meet its proportionate share of the expense of such Assemblies or Association.

(Amended and adopted. Report 32 and action on.)

Bill 19.

Past Grand Sire Pinkerton, Reps. Kingsbury, Belcher, Ruggles and Pierce, of Massachusetts, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

A BILL (AMENDING SECTIONS 733 AND 734 OF THE CODE OF GENERAL LAWS), PROVIDING FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER ON APRIL 26, OR ON SUCH OTHER DAY AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That the anniversary of the Order may be observed by all branches of the Order on April 26 (or on April 25 or April 27, if April 26 falls on Sunday), or on the day or night of the regular session of the subordinate body observing such anniversary immediately preceding or immediately subsequent to the twenty-sixth day of April, or on such other days between April 15 and May 15 as the Grand Master (or the executive officer of other departments of the Order) of the Jurisdiction may designate by proclamation or special dispensation.

NOTE.—A similar resolution was adopted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1911 (see Journal S. G. L., 1911, pages 286, 374, 403), but was inadvertently omitted from the Code of The Sovereign Grand Lodge published in 1915.

(Adopted. Report 85.)

Bill 20.

Past Grand Sire Pinkerton, Reps. Kingsbury, Belcher, Ruggles and Pierce, of Massachusetts, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY SUBORDINATE BODIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RED CROSS, YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES RECOGNIZED BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITY.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That any subordinate body of this Order may appropriate from its contingent fund, money for the benefit of the Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association and other activities recognized by the military authority.

(Amended and adopted. Report 100 and action on.)

Bill 21.

Rep. Warham, of Minnesota, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on the Rebekah Degree:

TO AMEND REBEKAH DEGREE CODE.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That the Rebekah Code of the I. O. O. F. be, and the same is, hereby amended by adding thereto a section as follows:

"SEC. 40. Authority to organize and hold district Rebekah meetings is hereby conferred upon Rebekah lodges, and to carry into effect such authority in each Jurisdiction where there is a Rebekah Assembly, such Assembly is empowered to divide the lodges of such Jurisdiction into districts for the purpose of such district meetings, and in such Jurisdictions where there is no Rebekah Assembly, the power herein conferred upon Rebekah Assemblies shall be exercised by the Grand Lodge of such Jurisdiction. Such districts shall consist of two or more Rebekah lodges and shall hold one or more district meetings each year, and shall elect from among its members a President, Vice-President, and Secretary, and there shall be appointed by the President of the district a Warden, Conductor, Inside and Outside Guardians and such other appointed officers as the district may determine by its by-laws, or provided for by the Assembly, and all by-laws of such districts shall be approved by the Assembly before they shall be in force.

"The officers of the district shall perform the duties usually pertaining to such office and shall hold their respective offices for a term of one year and until their successors are elected and assume their respective offices.

"At said district meetings the work of the degree may be exemplified, instruction given in the ritualistic work, laws and usages of the Rebekah

degree and such other matters may be considered as may advance interest in the work of the Order. And the Assembly in such Jurisdiction shall provide such further rules and regulations concerning district meetings as shall be considered appropriate for these purposes and the success of such meetings. Members in good standing in Rebekah lodges shall be eligible to attend such district meetings, and eligibility shall be determined as in Rebekah lodges. It is expressly provided, however, that no power, or privilege shall be exercised at any district meeting, except as herein specifically granted, and except as herein provided, no power or privilege specified in Sections 15 to 20, inclusive, of Rebekah Code shall be exercised by or at a district meeting.

(Not adopted. Report 31.)

Bill 22.

Rep. Goodman, of Montana, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

A BILL AMENDING SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF GENERAL LAWS RELATING TO GRAND BODIES ENACTING LAWS RELATING TO BENEFITS.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 6 of the Code of General Laws as amended on pages 147 and 148, JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE S. G. L. of 1917, be, and the same is, hereby amended by striking out the following:

" Grand bodies shall have power and authority to enact laws abolishing weekly benefits after the payment of fifty-two weeks' benefits, or authorizing the subordinates of such Grand Bodies to abolish weekly benefits after the payment of fifty-two weeks' benefits," so that said Section 6, when amended, shall read as follows:

" Grand Bodies shall have power and authority to enact all laws, not inconsistent with the laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, upon the subject of benefits, and may alter or amend the same, may prescribe the amount of indebtedness or the period of delinquency which shall render a member non-beneficial, may fix a specific amount to be paid per week as sick benefits by all their subordinates, not lower than the minimum prescribed by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, may designate the funeral, widows' and orphans' benefits that shall be paid, and may enact regulations respecting the manner in which attentive benefits shall be rendered, or they may, in their discretion, delegate such authority to their subordinates to be exercised by by-law."

(Not adopted. Report 102.)

Bill 23.

Rep. Parks, of Ontario, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 54 OF THE CODE OF LAWS.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 54, chapter 3, page 27, of the Code of Laws be amended by inserting after the word "death" in the fourth line, the words "or in the case of unmarried members, to either the mother or the father of the deceased," so that as amended the section will read as follows:

SEC. 54. Funeral Benefits. Subordinate bodies may be required to provide and pay to the widow, or to the orphans under 21 years of age, or to the dependent relatives or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at the time of his death, or in the case of unmarried members, to either the mother or the father of the deceased, a funeral benefit, the amount of which may be fixed by the Grand Body having jurisdiction by general law applicable alike to all lodges within its jurisdiction, or, in the absence of such a law, by subordinate bodies by by-law; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to require the payment of a funeral benefit by a subordinate body to the beneficiaries of a member who was not in good standing and entitled to weekly sick benefits at the time of his death or to the beneficiaries of one whose death was caused by his own intemperance or immoral conduct.

(Referred to Special Committee. See page 574.)

Bill 24.

Rep. Walker, of Vermont, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

WAR CHARITIES.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That subordinate encampments may donate to war charities or the relief of distress, from the Contingent Fund.

(Not adopted. Report 63.)

Bill 25.

Rep. Spear, of Vermont, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on the Rebekah Degree:

TO AMEND SECTION 318 OF THE CODE REFERRING TO REBEKAH FUNDS.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 318 of the Code be amended by adding the following:

Rebekah lodges may contribute to Red Cross or other war charities, from other than general funds, by vote of the lodge.

(Not adopted. Report 109.)

Report 18. By Rep. Kuntz, of Ohio, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, beg to report that we have carefully considered Decision 72 and recommend that the same be revised, so as to read as follows:

"DECISION 72 (S. G. L. JOURNAL, 1917; PAGE 247—VERMONT).

"DUES OF REBEKAH MEMBERS IN MILITARY SERVICE.—Members of a Rebekah lodge who are in the military service are not exempt from paying dues. If they do not pay dues they cannot be D. N. P., and in that case the dues will be charged against them, and will stand after the war as unpaid dues unless further legislation be enacted in relation to the subject. The Rebekah lodge of which such persons are members must pay per capita taxes to the Rebekah Assembly, unless otherwise provided by local legislation."

Signed by the Committee.

Report 19. By Rep. Parker, of New York, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred Resolution 4, page 453, by Rep. Bradford, of the District of Columbia, beg leave to report that the committee have considered the same and recommend that the Grand Decoration of Chivalry be conferred on the chevaliers named in the resolution and recommend that the resolution be approved and adopted.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 20. By Rep. Burlingame, of South Dakota, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report relating to Patriarchs Militant, beg to submit the following:

We are pleased to note that this branch of the Order is in a flourishing condition and fully endorse the appreciation expressed by the Grand Sire of the loyalty and devotion of John K. Ritter, General Commanding, and his competent corps of officers who have so earnestly labored for that end. We agree with the Grand Sire that the military enthusiasm engendered by the great war will greatly redound to the benefit of the military branch of our Order and would recommend the Patriarchs Militant to the earnest consideration of our membership.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 21. By Rept. Canfield, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Petitions.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the petition of Luzon Lodge, No. 2, of Manila, Phillippine Islands, for the issuance of a charter, and also the petition of Seward Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, of Seward, Alaska, for the issuance of a charter, find that the petitions are regular.

We, therefore, recommend that the issuance of said charters be approved.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 22. By Rep. Roderick, of Ohio, from the Committee on Returns.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the reports of the various Jurisdictions, also the reports of the lodges working under the immediate jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, beg to report that we have carefully examined the same and find them correct and in proper form.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 23. By Rep. Merritt, of Washington, from the Committee on Constitutions.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred Bill 6, page 457, providing that the Deputy Grand Sire shall pass upon constitutions and by-laws, herewith return the same with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee on Legislation as provided in the Rules of this Body.

We further recommend that that portion of Section 34, Grand Sire's report, page 321, referring to this subject, be also referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 24. By Rep. Wagner, of Iowa, from the same committee:

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Constitutions to whom were referred the Constitutions, amendments to Constitutions and By-laws, as follows: Amendments to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Arkansas; amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Illinois; amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Iowa; amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Michigan; amendments to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Minnesota; amendments to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Missouri; amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Ohio; amendment to Constitution of Grand Encampment of Oklahoma; amendments to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Oregon; amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Washington; Constitution and By-laws of Grand Encampment of Alberta, all of which have been approved by the Grand Sire; also Constitution of Grand Lodge of Montana; by-laws of Gatun Lodge, No. 5, Panama; by-laws of Luzon

Lodge, No. 2, Philippine Islands; which three latter were slightly changed by the Grand Sire, and as so changed approved by the Grand Sire; also amendments to Constitution of Grand Encampment of Nebraska; amendment to Constitution of Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; amendment to Constitution of Grand Encampment of Texas; which three latter have not been acted upon by the Grand Sire, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same and find that they contain nothing conflicting with the laws of our Order and therefore recommend that all of the foregoing be approved by this Sovereign Grand Lodge.

We further report that we have examined proposed amendment to by-laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, Honolulu, Hawaii, which was disapproved by the Grand Sire and find that said proposed by-law is contrary to the laws of the Order and therefore recommend the approval of the action of the Grand Sire in disapproving the same.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 25. By Rep. Hoagland, of Nebraska, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, have under their consideration Decision 11 and recommend that the same be revised to read as follows:

"DECISION No. 11 (S. G. L. CODE 538, JOURNAL, 1917, 247—ILLINOIS.)

"WAR LEGISLATION. Notice to soldier members before D. N. P.

"*Statement.* A lodge attempted to drop a member after having joined the military forces of one of the Allies of the United States for non-payment of dues, prior to the adoption of Article 22 of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code (Journal 1917, page 247). There was no attempted service of notice in accordance with the local law. The Secretary did not know his address.

"*Held.* The action of the lodge was void. The fact that the Secretary did not know the address and that the member was "somewhere in France" did not excuse the failure to give the notice required by the law. Since the adoption of Section 22 of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code (1917 Journal, page 247) the member cannot be dropped during this war, and the member's name must be replaced on the rolls of the lodge and retain the same standing therein as if no action had been attempted by the lodge to drop him. If the member should be restored to good standing he is thereafter entitled to all the rights and privileges accorded by law to any other soldier member."

Signed by the Committee.

Report 26. By Rep. Trautmann, of New York, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, beg to report that we have carefully considered Decision 62 and find that authority to a subordinate body to work and

transact its business in a foreign language is not conferred by charter. Such authority emanates from Grand Bodies, and is only a permission to do so.

Your committee are of the opinion that the decision should be revised to read as follows:

"Decision 62 'German Lodges—Power of Grand Lodges—Section 373 of the Code provides—

'Grand Lodges shall have authority at their discretion to grant charters to subordinate lodges within their respective Jurisdictions.'"

The Sovereign Grand Lodge has from time to time authorized a translation of the ritual into the German and other foreign languages, but has not adopted any legislation respecting the chartering of lodges to work in such languages. Therefore, under the general powers of Grand Lodges, they have authority to grant permission to their subordinates to work and transact business in foreign languages.

The granting of permission to a subordinate to do its work in a foreign language does not confer upon such subordinate any vested right to the use of such language, and the authority to work in such language may be revoked at the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 27. By Rep. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on Legislation.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 8, pages 458 and 459, by Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, providing that an officer of any body in the Order shall immediately, upon entering the military or naval service, be entitled to the honors of his office, and providing for the election of his successor, have duly considered the same, and recommend that said Bill be not passed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 28. By Rep. Barrow, of Louisiana, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 14, page 461, by Rep. Billstein, of Maryland, with title "Additional Qualification for Membership," have given careful and serious consideration to this proposed legislation and while we sympathize with the spirit and purposes of the Bill, your committee believe there is already sufficient power given to the subordinate lodges, for them to incorporate this idea into their requirements for qualification for membership; therefore, without dissenting from the intentions of this legislation, we feel that it is unnecessary, and recommend that the Bill be not passed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 29. By Rep. Davidson, of Delaware, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred the report of the General Commanding of the Patriarchs Militant, herewith submit this report, following a careful perusal of the extensive and comprehensive report of the active head of the Militant Army. This recital is classified under various headings and sets forth fully the aims and objects of this Army of Peace; from it, we learn that the Army of the Crown is more efficient and better officered than one year ago, and that there has been a slight addition to its ranks, notwithstanding the loss of eleven cantons. We believe with the General Commanding that more attention should be given to drill work, as this branch of the Order is the display branch that more care should be given to the condition of the uniform and that chevaliers should acquit themselves as become loyal Odd Fellows. Your committee most heartily approve the recommendations contained in the report of the General Commanding, and are persuaded that "Efficiency" should be the watchword in all our future activities. Our observation is that there should be frequent visitations by the General Commanding to the various Jurisdictions, and that every encouragement possible be given to cantons where there is no department. While at this time a large number of our brothers are on the fighting front in the great struggle now in progress for the cause of "universal justice," we pray that the God of Peace may soon stay this great scourge and return to us again those whom we love and cherish.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 30. By Rep. Blake, of Minnesota, from the Committee on the Rebekah Degree.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Rebekah Degree, to whom was referred Section 42 of the Grand Sire's report, beg to commend the splendid suggestion of our Grand Sire contained in Section 42 of his report to the thoughtful consideration of all our brothers in all Jurisdictions, "that our brothers everywhere join their Rebekah lodges not only for the purpose of giving to these lodges their financial and moral support, but that the brothers themselves will be educated and inspired by attending their meeting." Also that the use of the Joint Installation Ceremony will be of great value to both branches of the Order.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 31. By Rep. Cranston, of Rhode Island, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Rebekah Degree, to whom was referred Bill 21, page 492, by Rep. Warham, of Minnesota, under title "To Amend Rebekah Degree Code," after careful consideration of the subject matter therein contained, find that the first part thereof providing for the authority "to district Rebekah lodges in Jurisdictions," is already vested in the Grand Lodges, and we are of the opinion that the use of the secret work

and passwords of Rebekah lodges as contemplated in the latter part of said Bill by unchartered bodies, such as District Associations, would be unwise and unsafe.

We therefore beg leave to recommend that said Bill be not passed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 32. By Rep. Martin, of Idaho, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Rebekah Degree, to whom was referred Bill 18, page 490, by Past Grand Sire Pinkerton, defining the uses which may be made of contingent funds by Rebekah Assemblies, have carefully considered the same and recommend that said Bill be put upon its passage.

Signed by the Committee.

Rep. Emmins, of Texas, moved The Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourn until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, which was agreed to.

The chair accordingly declared The Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 1918, 9 A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Sire, Frank C. Goudy, presiding.

Present: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Sires and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Rev. J. A. Lucas, Grand Chaplain, offered prayer.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire declared The Sovereign Grand Lodge open for business.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the previous meeting, when it was moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with, which was agreed to.

The following telegram was read and ordered spread upon the Journal:

TORONTO, ONTARIO, September 17, 1918.

Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., St. Louis, Mo.:

Congratulations to Sovereign Grand Lodge on the selection for Deputy Grand Sire of our own Joseph Oliver.

E. M. CLAPP.

The following telegram from the Grand Lodge of Idaho was received and ordered spread upon the Journal:

CALDWELL, IDAHO, September 18, 1918.

Presley F. Horne, Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F., St. Louis, Mo.:

Received donations for war relief work in France as follows: From forty-nine lodges, $885.50; from seven encampments, $80.00; total $965.50.

Rep. Oliver, of Ontario, was granted permission to address the Body, and with appropriate remarks presented, on behalf of the Canadian Jurisdictions, a Service Flag, showing that 11 per cent of their members had enlisted and that 8 per cent of those enlisted had made the supreme sacrifice.

Grand Sire Goudy accepted the Flag, to be preserved in the archives of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Deputy Grand Sire Borst, of New York, moved that the Grand Secretary convey to the Grand Lodges of Australasia and Denmark our greetings and express our appreciation for their sacrifices in this great war, which was agreed to.

Resolution 12. Rep. Mohr, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, for which he asked immediate consideration:

Resolved, That no further new business be introduced at this communication of this Sovereign Grand Lodge after Thursday morning's session, except by unanimous consent.

The question being on the resolution, it was agreed to.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of reports as they appear on the Journal.

Report 18, page 495, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered and adopted.

Report 19, page 495, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, was considered and adopted.

Report 20, page 495, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 21, page 495, from the Committee on Petitions, was considered and adopted.

Report 22, page 496, from the Committee on Returns, was considered and adopted.

Report 23, page 496, from the Committee on Constitutions, was considered and adopted.

Report 24, page 496, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 25, page 497, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered and adopted.

Report 26, page 497, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 27, page 498, from the Committee on Legislation, reporting adversely on Bill 8, was called up. No action, Bill not adopted.

The Grand Sire called Past Grand Sire Cockrum to the chair.

Report 28, page 498, from the same committee, reporting adversely on Bill 14, was called up. No action, Bill not adopted.

Report 29, page 498, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant was considered and adopted.

Report 30, page 499, from the Committee on the Rebekah Degree, was considered and adopted.

Report 31, page 499, from the same committee, being adverse report on Bill 21, was called up. No action, Bill not adopted.

Report 32, page 500, from the same committee, placing Bill 18 on its passage, was considered when Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved that consideration of this Bill be postponed until Thursday's session, which was agreed to.

It being announced that a committee from the National Association of Rebekah Assemblies were in waiting to be admitted to extend fraternal greetings, Rep. Leedy, of Indiana, moved that the Body take a recess, during which time the committee from the National Association of Rebekah Assemblies should be admitted, which was agreed to.

The Grand Sire appointed Past Grand Sire Pinkerton and Rep. Martin, of Idaho, to receive the sisters.

Representing the Association, Sisters Maria Shanks, of Manitoba; Irene Cooper, of Illinois, and Rose Butner, of Indiana, were admitted, and Sister Shanks, of Manitoba, addressed the Body, extending fraternal greetings from the National Association of Rebekah Assemblies, Sister Shanks being the first lady to address The Sovereign Grand Lodge during recess.

After the sisters retired the Body resumed regular business.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved that the Body proceed to the consideration of Constitutional Amendments.

The following was considered:

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XII.

Amend Article XII, Section 1, Constitution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge by inserting after the word "determine" in the fourth line of said section the words "until the year 1922, and thereafter it shall meet biennially on the same date," and by striking out the word "annual" in the twelfth line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "biennial," so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 1. Session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge. This Sovereign Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of September at 9 A. M., at such place as The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine until the year 1922, and thereafter it shall meet biennially on the same date. It may also meet on its own adjournment. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called, and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless such notice has been given; *provided*, that if it shall be impracticable, from the prevalence of contagious disease or any other cause, for the biennial session to be held at the place designated therefor, The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held, or if The Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the grand Sire."—Journal, page 231.

The question being on the amendment, it was not adopted, the yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS.—Addison, Anderson, Andrews, Arnold, Arrasmith, Baker, Barber, Barrow, Baumes, Belt, Bessent, Blanchard, Boggess, Breith, Brown, Brueck, Brumbaugh, Brumfield, Cellventtra, Chandler, Chapman, Christensen, Cilley, Connick, Coy, Cranston, Davidson, Dobson, Eastin, Edgers, Emerson, Emmins, Falk, Foster, Genevay, Glass, Goodman, Gordon, Gracey, Greenleaf, Haliburton, Hanger, Harrison, Hartley, Heinzeroth, Herwig, Hoagland, Hogg, Hollister, Isaacs, Judge, Kemp, King, Knedler, Kohner, Krenning, Kuntz, Laidlaw, Lewis, Logan, Louhoff, Lowe, McLean, Macbeth, Merritt, Minter, Muir, Munro, Parker of New York, Parker of Alberta, Pearce, Perry, Phelps, Pierce, Potter, Robbins, Rosenblatt, Selfridge, Shaw of New Hampshire, Shaw of Oklahoma, Simpson of Kentucky, Skeen, Smith, Stanchfield, Stevens, Stiefelmeyer, Sweeney, Trautmann, Trefren, Wagner, Walker of Oregon, Warham, Weaver, Weed, Whitesides, Wilson, Wood, Woodruff.—Total, 98.

NAYS.—Allison, Armstrong, Ashley, Avery, Barrette, Belcher, Billstein, Bird, Blake, Bodenhamer, Bowers, Bradford, Bryant, Burlingame, Bushnell, Canfield, Carter, Connally, Cooper, Cramton, Fahl, Field, Fine, Fischesser, Gage, Gerlach, Goode, Groves, Hamilton of Manitoba, Hamilton of Missouri, Harrigfeld, Haynes, Heiston, Herman, Hill, Horn, Horne, Hutchison, Ingli, Jenne, Kehlhof, Kennedy, Kingsbury, Lane, Langley, Leedy, Lemarr, Lindsay, McArthur, McClatchey, McCorvie, McKay, McKinnon, Mahoney, Martin, Mayne, Merrill, Millan, Milum, Mohr, Mulcahy, Nichols, Norman, Noyes, Oliver, Pardee, Parks, Parsons of Maine, Parsons of Maryland, Paulson, Peabody, Pergau, Pierce of Ohio, Poll, Pond, Pope, Purintum, Redfern, Rennard, Rinehart, Robertson of Idaho, Robertson of South Dakota, Roderick, Rognlie, Roy, Ruggles, Scupholm, Shirah, Sillers, Simpson of West Virginia, Spear, Spears, Strickland, Thompson, Toward, Van Tilborg, Varnum, Walker of Vermont, Walsh, Washington, Watson, Wells, Williams, Wolverton, Woodard.—Total, 105.

The amendment to Sec. 1, Article IX, was considered, when Rep. Christensen, of Utah, asked unanimous consent to record the same vote on this amendment as on Sec. 1, Article XII, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved to indefinitely postpone, which was agreed to.

The Grand Sire called Past Grand Sire Conway to the chair.

The following amendment to Sec. 2, Article XVI, was considered:

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2, ARTICLE XVI.

"Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good, moral character who have arrived at the age of 21 years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualifications as to age shall be left to local legislation," be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty-one" where it appears in the third line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof "eighteen," so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualifications as to age shall be left to local legislation."—Journal, page 231.

PREVIOUS QUESTION.

After some time spent in discussion, Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved the previous question. When the Grand Sire asked "Shall the main question be now put?" and the main question was ordered.

The question recurring on the amendment, it was not adopted, the yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS.—Addison, Andrews, Armstrong, Arnold, Arrasmith, Ashley, Baker, Barber, Belt, Bessent, Blake, Blanchard, Bowers, Breith, Brown, Brueck, Brumbaugh, Brumfield, Bryant, Carter, Chandler, Connick, Cooper, Coy, Cramton, Davis, Emmins, Falk, Field, Foster, Gage, Genevay, Gerlach, Glass, Goode, Greenleaf, Hamilton of Manitoba, Hanger, Harrison, Herwig, Hill, Hoagland, Hogg, Horn, Ingli, Isaacs, Kennedy, Knedler, Kohner, Krenning, Kuntz, Laidlaw, Logan, Louhoff, McArthur, McCorvie, McKinnon, McLean, Macbeth, Mahoney, Milum, Minter, Muir, Mulcahy, Nichols, Noyes, Oliver, Pardee, Parker of Alberta, Parks, Pergau, Perry, Pierce of Ohio, Robbins, Robertson of Idaho, Robertson of South Dakota, Roderick, Rognlie, Shaw of Oklahoma, Sillers, Simpson of Kentucky, Stanchfield, Stevens, Stiefelmeyer, Sweeney, Trefren, Wagner, Walker of Oregon, Walsh, Warham, Washington, Watson, Weaver, Weed, Whitesides, Whitman, Williams, Woodward.—Total, 98.

NAYS.—Allison, Anderson Avery, Barrette, Barrow, Baumes, Belcher, Billstein, Bird, Bodenhamer, Boggess, Bradford, Burlingame, Bushnell, Canfield, Cellventtra, Chapman, Christensen, Cilley, Connally, Cranston, Davidson, Dobson, Eastin, Edgers, Emerson, Fahl, Fine, Fischesser, Goodman, Gordon, Gracey, Groves, Haliburton, Hamilton of Missouri, Harrigfeld, Hartley, Haynes, Heinzeroth, Heiston, Herman, Hollister, Horne, Hutchison, Jenne, Judge, Kehlhof, Kemp, King, Kingsbury, Lane, Langley, Leedy, Lemarr, Lewis, Lindsay, Lowe, McClatchey, Martin, Mayne, Merrill, Merritt, Millan, Mohr, Munro, Norman, Parker of New York, Parsons of Maine, Parsons of Maryland, Paulson, Peabody, Pearce, Phelps, Pierce of Massachusetts, Poll, Pond, Pope, Purintum, Redfern, Rennard, Rinehart, Rosenblatt, Roy, Ruggles, Scupholm, Selfridge, Shaw of New Hampshire, Shirah, Simpson of West Virginia, Smith, Spear, Spears, Strickland, Thompson, Toward, Trautmann, Van Tilborg, Varnum, Walker of Vermont, Wells, Wilson, Wolverton, Wood.—Total, 103.

The following letter was received from the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., now in session in St. Louis:

GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.
STATE OF MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, September 18, 1918.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, representing seventy-four thousand Master Masons, assembled in its Ninety-eighth Annual Communication, extends heartiest greetings and congratulations to The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at this, its ninety-ninth annual session.

We felicitate you on holding your annual session in the State of Missouri, especially in the city of St. Louis, and we, the members of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, A. F. & A. M., irrespective of what our local homes may be, realize that in no other State or city could you receive a more cordial and fraternal welcome than here.

Freemasonry and Odd Fellowship have many things in common. We build on the same foundations and work to the same ends. We realize that the civilization of the world, the up-building of mankind and the establishment and maintenance of a true democracy among nations can come only by a strict adherence to the great principles laid down in the sacred volume that lies upon our altars, and by the promulgation of the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, coupled with a firm faith and reliance on Almighty God.

Accept our hearty greetings and best wishes for a successful session of your Sovereign Grand Lodge and for the continued prosperity and well-being of your great Order.

Fraternally,

Attest:
JOHN R. PARSON,
Grand Secretary.

WM. A. CLARK,
Grand Master.

ANTHONY F. ITTNER,
ALLAN BARNES,
A. T. DUMM,
Committee.

Rep. Mohr, of Pennsylvania, moved that the letter be accepted and a committee appointed to make proper acknowledgment, which was agreed to.

The Grand Sire appointed the following committee:

Reps. Macbeth, of Indiana; Mohr, of Pennsylvania; Kohner, of California.

Rep. Norman, of Colorado, moved that Rep. Andrews, of Oregon, be excused from further attendance at this session, on account of the death of his brother; and that Rep. Sweeney, of Iowa, be excused

from further attendance on account of the illness of his wife, which was agreed to.

The following telegram was received and ordered printed in the Journal:

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., September 18, 1918.

John B. Goodwin, Grand Secretary Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., St. Louis, Missouri.

You are to be congratulated upon your selection of the Hon. Henry V. Borst as Grand Sire, a true apostle of the principles of Odd Fellowship. Schenectady District of the Grand Domain of New York rejoices with you.

EDWARD A. WELTI.

The Jurisdictions were called, when the following were presented:

Resolution 13. Rep. Brown, of Alberta, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Question: Is it legal for a subordinate lodge to invest its widows' and orphans' fund in war bonds or other gilt-edged securities?

(Referred to Grand Sire. Report 111.)

Resolution 14. Rep. Parker, of Alberta, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Question: An Austrian by birth who came to Canada when a boy wishes to become a member of our lodge. Owing to the fact that he is an alien by birth, do you think it advisable for the lodge to take action on this application, or would you deem it advisable not to present the application to the lodge;

Grand Master's answer: The fact that the applicant was an alien by birth does not bar him from admission. If he is faithful to the government under which he lives he is eligible for admission.

Question. Is this answer correct?

(Referred to Grand Sire. Report 111.)

Resolution 15. Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, by request of the General Military Council, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

Resolved, That the following form approved and presented by the General Military Council be provided by the Adjutant General to be sent to the Department Commander-elect, to be signed by him before the commission is issued:

Having been elected Department Commander in the Deparment of ....., I hereby make application for a commission, rank of ....., and will agree to completely equip myself and to comply, to the best of my ability, with all the following, to-wit:

To answer correspondence promptly; keep a correct account between the cantons and Department and this office.

To keep at headquarters sufficient supplies required by cantons and at all times fill orders promptly.

I will prepare and forward to all Field and Line Officers examination blanks embodying the most essential questions from our ritual and drill regulations and will insist that every officer pass the examination applying to that respective office assigned in accordance with resolution as adopted and approved by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, September ...., 1918, and as may be further given by the general commanding.

Before issuing warrant to institute a new canton, I will thoroughly investigate all conditions in that locality, ascertain the numerical strength of the Encampment branch, the prospects for securing competent officers and convince myself that competent officers can be had and preparation made for equipment and uniform in accordance with law.

I will see that the Regimental Battalion Commanders visit their respective cantons once a year and that the secret work is exemplified on such visits, and I will personally put forth every effort to visit each canton in this Department annually.

That I will give all the necessary time to the duties of the office for the advancement and betterment of my Department, thereby enabling me to give correct advice and proper instructions to all officers and chevaliers in my Department and the entire satisfaction of the General Commanding the Patriarchs Militant.

When all else is equal, I will encourage the advancement to Field and Staff Officers from the Line or canton officers, thereby encouraging the chevalier who has faithfully performed his duties as a canton officer.

I will not make staff appointments, nor shall I permit others to do so unless there is positive assurance in advance that they will equip themselves and give all the time possible to the advancement of the Department and the duties of their respective officers.

.....

Department Commander-Elect.

(Not adopted. Report 92.)

Resolution 16. Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, by request of the General Military Council, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

Resolved, That two thousand (2000) copies of the manual approved and presented by the General Military Council be printed for distribution and instruction in the P. M. Tactics and Code.

(Adopted. Report 87.)

Resolution 17. Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

In accordance with the law and upon information received, I take pleasure in recommending to receive the Grand Decoration of Chivalry, Captain Christian Smith, Canton Monumental, No. 2, Baltimore, Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN K. RITTER, General Commanding.

(Adopted. Report 52.)

Resolution 18. Rep. Parker, of New York, moved the following, which were referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

Resolved, That the Drill Regulations presented and approved by the General Military Council, a copy of which is herewith submitted to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, be approved and adopted as the standard and authorized Drill Regulations of the Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., the same to become effective on and after January 1, 1919.

Resolved, That for the Sword Manual illustrations, photographs of a chevalier in Fatigue Uniform be taken for each movement, and plates made therefrom in order to show all the positions (required in the Sword Manual) so definitely as to admit of only one interpretation.

(Adopted. Report 54.)

Resolution 19. Rep. Pearce, of Maryland, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

St. Louis, Mo., September 18, 1918.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

The General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., have held most delightful, harmonious and interesting sessions during the past two days in the Exhibition Building. Fifteen Department Commanders from different parts of the country were present besides a number of proxies, which we think is gratifying when we consider the conditions of the country at the present time. We extend felicitations and fraternal greetings. The Patriarchs Militant is in a splendid condition at present. Loyalty and efficiency has been the watchword. The improved condition and the net gain of two hundred and forty-seven for 1917 is most pleasing and has been brought about by the earnestness and activity of the officers and chevaliers, and the hearty cooperation and splendid encouragement given by your honorable body and Odd Fellows everywhere, for which we are duly grateful.

We extend our congratulations upon the splendid work accomplished by the Order last year and pledge our loyalty in the future. Our ranks have been depleted by a large number of chevaliers who have answered the call of our country and are now fighting for fraternity, liberty and freedom, but we are endeavoring to keep the "home fires burning" so that we will have our cantons up to the highest point of proficiency when our brothers come marching home victorious, to resume their respective places in our ranks.

The recommendations made by us have been presented through Bills and resolutions introduced by Major General E. W. Bradford, of the District of Columbia, and Col. A. B. Parker, of New York. We trust that they will have your favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. RITTER, General Commanding.

Attest:

FRED A. GROOM,
Colonel and Military Secretary.

(Not reported on.)

Resolution 20. Reps. Robbins and Woodruff, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies:

Resolved, That the funeral services, as heretofore adopted by this Body, be hereafter printed in the Italian language for use by lodges working in the Italian language.

(Postponed until next session. Report 87.)

Bill 26.

Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, by request of the General Military Council, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

BILL TO AMEND THE P. M. CODE.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That a section be added to the Patriarchs Militant Code to be known as Section 87A to read as follows:

"No Officer shall be commissioned in a Department until he shall have satisfactorily passed a written examination in the Patriarchs Militant Code and Tactics.

"The questions to be propounded shall be uniform for all canton officers, and again uniform for all Staff Officers.

"The questions to be used in examination shall be prepared by the Department Commander of each Department, subject to the approval of the General Commanding.

"All examinations shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the Department Commander."

(Not adopted. Report 93.)

Bill 27.

Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, by request of General Military Council, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Patriarchs Militant:

BILL TO AMEND THE P. M. CODE.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 121 P. M. Code on the subject of Decoration of Chivalry, be amended by adding the additional qualifications required for the wife of a chevalier to receive such Decoration, by adding, after the words "Department in good standing," in third line, the words: "Provided also that the lady be a member of a Rebekah lodge," making such section read as follows:

"Section 121. A Department Council may order the Decoration of Chivalry to be conferred upon the wife of a chevalier in good standing, of a canton in the Department in good standing, provided also that the lady be a member in good standing of a Rebekah lodge, or annually upon a lady member of a Rebekah lodge for each fifty members or major fractional part thereof, and one for any Rebekah lodge having less than twenty-five members in good standing; provided, that before a Department Council can legally pass upon the recommendation from a Rebekah lodge said recommendation must first receive an endorsement of approval from the canton nearest in location to said Rebekah lodge."

(Adopted. Report 53.)

Bill 28.

Rep. Davis, of Illinois, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

A BILL TO ADD TO THE CODE OF GENERAL LAWS OF THE I. O. O. F., A NEW SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 373A, PRESCRIBING THE LANGUAGE IN WHICH LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS AND CANTONS MAY WORK.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That there is hereby added to the Code of General Laws of the I. O. O. F., a new section, to be known as Section 373A, as follows:

"Section 373A. The Language in which Lodges, Encampments and Cantons may Work. No Grand Body shall hereafter authorize any lodge,

encampment or canton to work in any other than the English language or the language of the country in which the lodge, encampment or canton is situated.

On or before June 30, 1919, all lodges, encampments and cantons working in any language other than the English shall surrender their rituals in exchange for rituals printed in the English language (which shall be furnished by The Sovereign Grand Lodge without charge), and thereafter all the work of such lodges, encampments and cantons shall be conducted in the English language, or the language of the country in which the lodge is situated, but the ritualistic work may be given in a foreign language until the members of such lodge, encampments or cantons memorize the charges in the English ritual or the language of the country in which the lodge is situated."

(Indefinitely postponed. Report 98.)

Bill 29.

Rep. Davis, of Illinois, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF 1915, of ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 1, WHICH WAS ALSO AMENDED AT THE SESSION OF 1917.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 3 of Article 1, chapter 1, of the Code of 1915, as amended at the session of 1917, be amended by inserting the following after the third line of said paragraph, " Unless the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction shall by appropriate legislation suspend such benefits or authorize its subordinates to suspend them so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

" Section 3. Amount of Weekly Benefits—Minimum. The benefits paid by subordinate lodges shall not be less than $2.00 per week until the brother shall have received 52 weeks' benefits, and shall be paid weekly, unless the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction, shall, by appropriate legislation, suspend such benefits, or authorize its subordinates to suspend them."

" The provisions of this section shall not apply to subordinate encampments."

(Referred to Special Committee to report at next session. Report 107.)

Bill 30.

Rep. Davis, of Illinois, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF 1915, OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 1, WHICH WAS ALSO AMENDED AT THE SESSION OF 1917.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 6, Article 1, chapter 1, of the Code of 1915, as amended at the session of 1917, be amended by striking out in the second line of the last paragraph of Section 6 the following:

"Abolishing after the payment of 52 weeks' benefits, or authorizing the subordinates of said Grand Bodies to abolish weekly benefits after the payment of 52 weeks' benefits, and adding the words, "suspending weekly benefits or authorizing its subordinates to suspend them," so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 6. Grand Bodies May Enact Laws Relating to Benefits. Grand Bodies shall have power and authority to enact all laws, not inconsistent with the laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, upon the subject of benefits, and may alter or amend the same, may prescribe the amount of indebtedness or the period of delinquency which shall render a member non-beneficial, may fix a specific amount to be paid per week as sick benefits by all their subordinates, may suspend weekly benefits or authorize its subordinates to suspend them, and may designate the funeral, widows' and orphans' benefits that shall be paid, and may enact regulations respecting the manner in which attentive benefits shall be rendered, or they may, in their discretion, delegate such authority to their subordinates to be exercised by by-law."

(Referred to Special Committee to report at next session. Report 107.)

Bill 31.

Reps. Mohr and Avery, of Pennsylvania, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

BILL AMENDING SECTION 466, ARTICLE XI—HOMES.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Article XI, Section 466, of the Code of General Laws, be and the same hereby is, amended by inserting in the third line of said section the words "and Odd Fellows who are totally disabled by accident," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

"Sec. 466. Homes May be Provided and Maintained. Grand Bodies shall have power to establish and maintain homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and such Odd Fellows who are totally disabled by accident who shall hold membership in the Order within their respective Jurisdictions for the widows of deceased Odd Fellows who held membership in the Order within such Jurisdiction and for the care, protection and education of the orphans of deceased Odd Fellows who held membership within such Jurisdictions."

(Not adopted. Report 69.)

Bill 32.

Rep. Cellventtra, of Utah, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 730, ON PAGE 337, IN RELATION TO MEMORIAL DAY.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 730, on page 337 of the Code, shall be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 730. Memorial Day. The 30th day of May of each year, or such other day as shall be designated in the annual proclamation of the President of the United States of America, is hereby designated as memorial day, and all subordinate bodies of the Order are enjoined to meet upon said day or upon the Sunday preceding and by appropriate exercises commemorate the virtues of the departed brethren; *provided*, that the day set aside by Presidents, Kings or Rulers of countries other than the United States of America shall be designated as decoration day in such countries.

(Laid on table. Report 70.)

Bill 33.

Rep. Haynes, of Virginia, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 322 OF THE CODE BY INTERLINEATION.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 322 of the Code be amended by inserting after the word "subordinates," in the second line of said section, the words: "and Grand Lodges may authorize Rebekah lodges, either directly or through their Rebekah Assemblies," so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

"Sec. 322. Grand Bodies may Authorize. Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may authorize their subordinate and Grand Lodges may authorize Rebekah lodges, either directly or through their Rebekah Assemblies to set aside and hold a portion of the regular income of such bodies as a special fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of members of such bodies who shall die in good standing, and when such a fund has been created it shall be applied to no other use or purpose; *provided*, Grand Bodies may authorize their subordinates, in their discretion, to abolish such fund and place the amount thereof in the general fund or donate it to the establishment or maintenance of a permanent

home for the aged, the widows and orphans of the Jurisdiction, or pay the per capita levied for the support of a home out of such fund."

(Not adopted. Reports 68 and 104.)

Bill 34.

Rep. Blanchard, of Washington, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

A BILL TO ADD TO SECTION 155 OF THE CODE TO PROVIDE A RECORD OF A MEMBER IN LODGES WHERE HE FORMERLY HELD MEMBERSHIP.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That the following be added to Section 155 of the Code after the words "Grand Secretary" on the fifteenth line of page 74:

Record to be filled in by Secretary of lodge issuing certificate.

			Jurisdiction.	Date.
Initiated in	Lodge No.	....,	.....	.....
Transferred to	Lodge No.	....,	.....	.....
Transferred to	Lodge No.	....,	.....	.....

(Not adopted. Report 67.)

Report 33. By Past Grand Sire Conway, of Illinois, from the Special Committee on One Hundredth Anniversary, which was considered and adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Centennial Celebration would respectfully recommend that we hold our next annual session in Baltimore, but due to war conditions we suggest that only a business session be held, and forego the holding of an elaborate Centennial Celebration as previously contemplated.

We would further state that Past Grand Sire, Alfred S. Pinkerton, selected a year ago as the orator of the occasion, will deliver the Centennial Oration.

Your committee would further state that in the event that the conditions should change so that it would be permissible to celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of our Order in a manner befitting the occasion with more extended public functions then suitable arrangements may be made and the Order duly notified.

Fraternally submitted,
E. S. CONWAY,
JOHN B. COCKRUM,
JOHN B. GOODWIN,
JAMES W. CHAPMAN, JR.
Committee.

Report 34. By Past Grand Sire Cockrum, of Indiana, from the Special Committee of Past Grand Sires on League to Enforce Peace.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee, composed of Past Grand Sires, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report under the sub-head "League to Enforce Peace," have given the same consideration. We believe the Grand Sire acted wisely and to the best interests of our Order in asking General Bradford, Grand Secretary Goodwin, Grand Representatives Parker, of New York, and Mohr, of Pennsylvania, to attend the meeting held in Philadelphia last spring. We fully endorse the report of the committee so appointed as made to the Grand Sire and printed in the Journal of this session on pages 337 to 340, inclusive. We have been advised that the League to Enforce Peace has expressed itself as rejoicing in the refusal of the President to accept the invitation of the Austrian and German Governments to a secret conference as to peace, that the League is pledged to a peace by a victory as the only peace that can achieve the object of the war. Judge Taft has said, "No conference of any sort can supply the need for a victory. Therefore the suggestion for a conference is something utterly contrary to our policy. It is an armed system we are fighting and nothing short of the destruction of this system will satisfy us."

Our Order is not a part of the war, but our boys are, and we are much interested in them, their comfort and fair treatment. We are greatly pleased at all times to join hands with any means that will secure for them the honor they so richly deserve. The League to Enforce Peace on honorable terms as expressed by its distinguished president is fully endorsed and approved by all loyal citizens of the two American countries from whom our great Order is largely made up. We are well pleased with the considerate attention to the organization given by our Grand Sire and those selected by him. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That The Sovereign Grand Lodge approve fully the action of the Grand Sire in his recognition of "The League to Enforce Peace" and his selection of a committee to represent the Grand Lodge at the Philadelphia meeting; further that the incoming Grand Sire appoint those members of this Grand Lodge to represent it at conferences and meetings of the League to Enforce Peace that may be held hereafter and to which the Order may be asked to send representatives.

JOHN B. COCKRUM,
A. S. PINKERTON,
E. S. CONWAY,
J. B. A. ROBERTSON,
Past Grand Sires.

Report 35. By Rep. Milum, of Arkansas, from the Committee on Correspondence.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report on page 282, entitled "Correspondence," report that we very highly approve the method and manner in which he handled the vast amount of correspondence. We realize that the correspondence has been largely increased due to the unusual conditions that the war and its effects have produced.

We further realize that all correspondence has been despatched promptly and thoroughly and desire to congratulate the Grand Sire on handling the vast amount of correspondence so successfully, fully knowing that he had to sacrifice his own personal affairs to render us the services he did.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 36. By Rep. Milum, of Arkansas, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Secretary's report found on pages 358 to 384, inclusive, entitled "Correspondence" would respectfully report that the custom of the various Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs, State Presidents, Grand Scribes and Grand Secretaries in furnishing this Sovereign Body with the general conditions prevailing throughout their respective Jurisdictions in such a complete manner, is to be commended and we commend the interest shown by these Grand Officers.

We also recommend this correspondence to the attention of our membership so that it may become more familiar with the state of the Order throughout the several Jurisdictions.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 37. By Rep. Foster, of Ohio, from the Committee on Finance.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 2, page 452, by Rep. Norman, of Colorado, relating to the fund for the erection of a monument at The Hague, have considered the resolution and approve the same, and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to invest said fund, one-half thereof in Canadian Victory Loan Bonds and one-half thereof in United States Liberty Loan Bonds until such time as this Sovereign Body shall otherwise direct.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 38. By Rep. McClatchey, of Georgia, from the same committee.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the statement of Grand Treasurer Cox for postage during the past four years, amounting to $25.00, have duly considered same and recommend it be paid.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 39. By Rep. Avery, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred Bills 10 and 11, page 460, by Rep. Bradford, of the District of Columbia, proposing to amend Sections 685 and 684 of the Code of 1915, so as to increase the salaries of the Assistant Grand Secretary and Grand Secretary and Adjutant General, respectfully report that they have given earnest consideration to the same and by reason of the increased cost of living are of the opinion that the Bills ought to pass and recommend that said Bills be placed upon their passage.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 40. By Rep. Goodman, of Montana, from the Committee on International Relations.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

We, your Committee on International Relations, having had under consideration that portion of the Grand Sire's Report termed "International Relations," beg leave to report:

That as to the letter written by the Hon. Petrus Beyer, Grand Sire of Denmark, it is the judgment of your committee that the raising of funds for the rehabilitation of Europe after the war is a matter that must be left to governmental agencies, each individual Odd Fellow doing his part as a citizen, and that this Order, as such, should take no action in the matter at this time.

That as to the suggestions made by Bro. H. P. Hansen that this Order establish a rest room in London for our soldier members and that we raise a fund sufficient to keep one of our members there in the capacity of a Secretary, your committee feel that it would be both unwise and impracticable to attempt such a movement at this time, for the reason that all movements of this character must be under the supervision and control of the U. S. Army, and those in charge of this character of work in the Army do not want to deal with any more organizations than are now established and recognized. All that could be done by our representative i· now being done by the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. and to attempt to establish another organization would only lead to confusion. We feel that we should put forth all our efforts and direct all our energies to assist those splendid organizations now in the field and doing such excellent work.

Your committee agree with the Grand Sire that we should begin now to lay plans for the work to be done by this Order after the war—not only

in war-devastated Europe, but also in America. In Europe—yes, even in Germany, the spirit of friendship and love should not be allowed to die nor the brotherhood of man become a lost attribute of the human race. We realize that little can be done while the war is on, except for our Grand Officers, whenever possible, to convey to our overseas brothers the assurance of our steadfast friendship and undying love. After the war there will be many Odd Fellows, and many widows and orphans of Odd Fellows who have made the supreme sacrifice. In some Jurisdictions the proper care and protection of these unfortunates will become a burden greater than the local lodges can bear and maintain their existence. For this emergency some provision should be made by this Grand Body.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that a law authorizing the raising of a fund to be used for such purposes, be prepared by a proper committee and submitted to this Grand Body. This fund to be administered directly through The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 41. By Rep. Edgers, of Rhode Island, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on International Relations, to whom was referred the consideration of the report from Australasia on page 385 of the Grand Secretary's report, would respectfully state, that while we realize the Jurisdiction of Australasia, like all others, is passing through a very serious and trying period, and while we deeply sympathize with them, in this our common sorrow, we see nothing in the report that calls for special consideration or action from this Grand Body.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 42. By Rep. Williams, of Wisconsin, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on International Relations, to whom was referred the letter from the Grand Secretary of Sweden, respectfully report as follows:

The Order in Sweden is to be congratulated on its success for the year 1917, showing a gain in membership of 963, an increase in capital of $50,000, and not a single lodge charter having been surrendered.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 43. By Rep. Pardee, of Arkansas, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Decision 4, of 1917, beg leave to report as follows:

At the 1917 session of this Grand Body this committee recommended that action on this decision be postponed until the present session for

want of access to certain records. (Report 28, page 196, Journal of 1917.)

Investigation of the records has been made and we recommend that Decision 4, of 1917, be approved

Signed by the Committee.

Report 44. By Rep. Canfield, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Petitions.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the petition of the Grand Representatives of the Jurisdiction of New York, praying that the Grand Sire take under advisement the matter of the release from internment by the Government of Great Britain of Bro. A. Hussmann, a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., and now or formerly a member of Wallenstein Lodge, No. 428, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and praying that, if in the judgment of the Grand Sire it is proper, the Grand Sire make an appeal to the Ambassador of Great Britain at Washington, or adopt any other method which in his judgment is proper to secure the release of Brother Hussmann, have considered the petition, and recommended that the prayer of the petitioners, as specified above, be granted.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 45. By Rep. Pope, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report, found on page 347, under the captions "Charters Issued During the Year," and "Certificates Issued," respectfully report they have considered the same, and recommend that the action of the Grand Secretary in issuing the charters and certificates therein contained be approved.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 46. By Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Decision 70 of the Grand Sire, beg to report that we are of the opinion that the answers to the two questions propounded should be as follows:

1. The expression "fifty-two weeks' benefits" means fifty-two weeks' benefits for one sickness.

2. No. If the brother should be again afflicted by a sickness distinct from the one for which he had received the fifty-two weeks' benefits, he would be entitled to benefits the same as though he had never before received benefits; *provided*, his standing was such as to entitle him to benefits under the local law.

Signed by the Committee.

Majority Report 47. By Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, beg to report that we have had under consideration Decision 9, and that we cannot concur with the Grand Sire in his conclusions. We are of the opinion that the resolution quoted from the Journal of 1882 had reference to regular army posts in time of peace and was intended to apply to those cases where men were enlisted in the army and stationed at regular army posts and had no claim to a domicile or residence, distinct from his domicile or residence at the post where he was stationed. In the codification of the law, it will be noted that this enactment is carried in as an annotation to Section 489 of the Code. The general law does not undertake to fix the time required for residence as a pre-requisite to a membership. This is left to the Grand Jurisdiction, but a general law does prescribe that an applicant must make application to a lodge nearest his residence and we think it self-evident that soldiers stationed at training camps cannot be said to have their residence or domicile at such training camps. We therefore offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That decision of the Grand Sire, numbered 9, be, and the same is, hereby disapproved and reversed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 48. By Rep. Connick, of California, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the decsions of the Grand Sire, report that we have carefully considered Decision 10, page 307, of the Grand Sire's report.

To avoid any confusion which may possibly hereafter arise from a misunderstanding or misinterpretation of this decision and to make the same clearly conform to the evident intent of the Grand Sire, we are of the opinion that such decision should be modified to read as follows:

"When a Grand Lodge has adopted legislation permitting its subordinate lodges to limit the benefits paid by such subordinate lodges to 52 weeks in accordance with the legislation of The Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1917, page 249, and a subordinate lodge changes its by-laws so as to limit the payment of benefits to 52 weeks, such legislation will apply to brothers who were on the sick list at the time of the adoption of such by-laws, and if they have received benefits for 52 weeks for the same sickness, their right to further benefits will immediately cease."

We recommend that Decision 10 be modified as above stated and, as so modified, approved.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 49. By Rep. Baumes, of New York, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith submit the tabulated statement of mileage and per diem allowed to each Grand Officer, Grand Representative and Past Grand Sire, according to the resolution adopted at this session and offer the following:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem in the accompanying table credited to each Grand Officer, Grand Representative and Past Grand Sire, is hereby ordered to be paid.

Signed by the Committee.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	Town or Post-Office.	State, Territory, or Province.	Place of Nativity.	Profession.	Miles Traveled.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.									
Goudy, Frank C., G. Sire	Denver	Colorado	Ohio	Lawyer	916	6	$91 60	$30 00	$121 60
Borst, Henry V., D. G. Sire	Amsterdam	New York	New York	Judge Supreme Ct.	995	6	99 50	30 00	129 50
Goodwin, John B., G. Sec.	Baltimore	Maryland	Georgia	Grand Secretary	934	6	93 40	....	93 40
Cox, Wm. H., G. Treas.	Maysville	Kentucky	Kentucky	Pres. Ins. Co.	428	6	42 80	30 00	72 80
Kroh, J. Edw., A. G. Sec.	Baltimore	Maryland	Maryland	Asst. Grand Secretary	934	6	93 40	....	93 40
Lucas, J. A., G. Chap.	Lincoln	Illinois	Ohio	Clergyman	169	6	16 90	30 00	46 90
Powers, Winn., G. Marshal	St. Paul	Minnesota	Ohio	Ed. and Publisher	576	6	57 60	30 00	87 60
Gipson, A. E., G. Guard	Caldwell	Idaho	Wisconsin	Editor	1,717	6	171 70	30 00	201 70
Black, O. C., G. Mess.	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma	Pennsylvania	Lawyer	543	6	54 30	30 00	84 30
Curran, H. C., R. Clerk	Maysville	Kentucky	Kentucky	Lawyer	428	6	42 80	30 00	72 80
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.									
Addison, O. U.	Laurel	Mississippi	Alabama	Lumberman	606	6	60 60	30 00	90 60
Allison, Chas. H.	Russiaville	Indiana	Indiana	Lawyer	263	6	26 30	30 00	56 30
Anderson, E. R.	LaConner	Washington	Iowa	Merchant	2,401	6	240 10	30 00	270 10
Andrews, Robt.	Portland	Oregon	England	Comm. Merchant	2,212	6	221 20	30 00	251 20
Armstrong, George T.	Manitou	Manitoba	Canada	Lawyer	1,135	6	113 50	30 00	143 50
Arnold, A. Otis	Quincy	Illinois	Illinois	Publisher	140	6	14 00	30 00	44 00
Arrasmith, G. L.	Bayard	Iowa	Ohio	R. R. Station Agent	350	6	35 00	30 00	65 00
Ashley, Homer	Atlanta	Georgia	Georgia	Manufacturer	611	6	61 10	30 00	91 10
Avery, James H.	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Conveyancer	974	6	97 40	30 00	127 40
Baker, J. D.	Yuma	Arizona	Tennessee	Merchant	1,810	6	181 00	30 00	211 00
Barber, Wm. M.	Long Prairie	Minnesota	Michigan	Insurance	712	6	71 20	30 00	101 20
Barrette, Charles	Watertown	South Dakota	Wisconsin	Merchant	729	6	72 90	30 00	102 90
Barrow, A. F.	St. Francisville	Louisiana		Physician	707	6	70 70	30 00	100 70
Baumes, Caleb H.	Newburgh	New York	New York	Lawyer	1,113	6	111 30	30 00	141 30
Belcher, Joseph	Randolph	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Income Tax Assessor	1,245	6	124 50	30 00	154 50
Belt, John G.	Phoenix	Arizona	Ohio	Dentist	1,795	6	179 50	30 00	209 50
Bessent, J. C.	Winston-Salem	North Carolina	North Carolina	Ins. & Jus. of Peace	907	6	90 70	30 00	120 70
Billstein, Nathan	Riderwood	Maryland	Ohio	Printer	944	6	94 40	30 00	124 40
Bird, Daniel E.	Kansas City	Missouri	Missouri	Judge Circuit Court	277	6	27 70	30 00	57 70
Blake, Charlie Hawken	Long Prairie	Minnesota	England	Minister	712	6	71 20	30 00	101 20
Blanchard, George Wilson	Seattle	Washington	Minnesota	Salesman	2,332	6	233 20	30 00	263 20
Bodenhamer, J. E.	Decatur	Georgia	Georgia	Printer	617	6	61 70	30 00	91 70

Boggess, W. F.	Del Rio	Texas	Texas	Lawyer	1,093	6	109 30	30 00	139 30
Bowers, E. F.	Prescott	Arizona	Arizona	Insurance Agent	1,658	6	165 80	30 00	195 80
Bradford, Ernest W.	Washington	Dist. Columbia	Maine	Lawyer	894	6	89 40	30 00	119 40
Breith, Otto A.	Louisville	Kentucky	Kentucky	Sales Manager	274	6	27 40	30 00	57 40
Brooks, John E.	Sedan	Kansas	Iowa	Lawyer	480	6	48 00	30 00	78 00
Brown, Alf.	Edmonton	Alberta	Canada	Retired	1,881	6	188 10	30 00	218 10
Brueck, Karl C.	Stockton	California	California	Contractor	2,120	6	212 00	30 00	242 00
Brumbaugh, W. A.	Terrell	Texas	Pennsylvania	Painter	677	6	67 70	30 00	97 70
Brumfield, R. S.	Summit	Mississippi		Merchant	591	6	59 10	30 00	89 10
Bryant, Ben. F.	Rogers	Arkansas	Arkansas	Insurance Agent	334	6	33 40	30 00	63 40
Burlingame, Robert M.	Watertown	South Dakota	Minnesota	Physician-Surgeon	729	6	72 90	30 00	102 90
Bushnell, Fred. N.	New Haven	Connecticut	New York	Cabinetmaker	1,141	6	114 10	30 00	144 10
Canfield, Frank M.	Bridgeport	Connecticut	New York	Lawyer	1,121	6	112 10	30 00	142 10
Carter, C. R.	Reno	Nevada	Virginia	Fire Insurance	1,945	6	194 50	30 00	224 50
Cellventtra, Frank H.	Springville	Utah	Ohio	Trav. Salesman	1,505	6	150 50	30 00	180 50
Chandler, Eugene E.	Wetaskiwin	Alberta	Vermont	Clerk of Court	1,839	6	183 90	30 00	213 90
Chapman, James W., Jr.	Baltimore	Maryland	Maryland	Lawyer	934	6	93 40	30 00	123 40
Christensen, Parley P.	Salt Lake City	Utah	Utah	Lawyer	1,450	6	145 00	30 00	175 00
Cilley, Frank M.	Exeter	New Hampshire	New Hampshire	Insurance	1,280	6	128 00	30 00	158 00
Connally, J. C.	Jacksonville	Florida	Georgia	Manufacturer	975	6	97 50	30 00	127 50
Connick, Clifton H.	Oakland	California	New Brunswick	Lawyer	2,193	6	219 30	30 00	249 30
Cooper, L. B.	Belleville	Ontario	Ontario	Miller	837	6	83 70	30 00	113 70
Coy, L. E.	Paxton	Nebraska	Nebraska	Banker	735	6	73 50	30 00	103 50
Cramton, Fred. J.	Montgomery	Alabama	Michigan	Dealer Building Mat.	609	6	60 90	30 00	90 90
Cranston, Ellis A.	Pawtuxet	Rhode Island	Rhode Island	Chief Police	1,230	6	123 00	30 00	153 00
Davidson, C. Frank	Wilmington	Delaware	Delaware	Monument Dealer	1,001	6	100 10	30 00	130 10
Davis, James Ewing	Chicago	Illinois	West Virginia	Lawyer	284	6	28 40	30 00	58 40
Dobson, William H.	Providence	Rhode Island	England	Retired	1,230	6	123 00	30 00	153 00
Eastin, L. J.	St. Joseph	Missouri	Missouri	Lawyer	327	6	32 70	30 00	62 70
Edgers, Edward	Providence	Rhode Island	Rhode Island	Secretary Club	1,230	6	123 00	30 00	153 00
Emerson, Charles S.	Milford	New Hampshire	New Hampshire	Merchant	1,231	6	123 10	30 00	153 10
Emmins, Harry J.	Dallas	Texas	England	Con. and Builder	708	6	70 80	30 00	100 80
Fahl, Byron A.	Buffalo	North Dakota	Ohio	Minister	864	6	86 40	30 00	116 40
Falk, Oscar N.	Paterson	New Jersey	Sweden	Real Est. and Ins.	1,078	6	107 80	30 00	137 80
Field, A. J.	Williston	North Dakota	Illinois	Real Estate and Loans.	1,172	6	117 20	30 00	147 20
Fine, Robert L.	Johnson City	Tennessee		Salesman	665	6	66 50	30 00	96 50
Fischesser, J. R.	Spring City	Tennessee		Merc. & Co. Trustee	528	6	52 80	30 00	82 80
Foster, Frank H.	Toledo	Ohio	Ohio	Lawyer	437	6	43 70	30 00	73 70
Gage, I. P.	Fremont	Nebraska	New Hampshire	Gr. Sec. & Gr. Scribe.	455	6	45 50	30 00	75 50
Genevay, John T.	Des Moines	Iowa	England	Clerk Municipal Court.	340	6	34 00	30 00	64 00
Gerlach, George	Viola	Wisconsin	Germany	Hotel Proprietor	591	6	59 10	30 00	89 10
Glass, J. H.	Penticton	British Columbia	England	Rancher	2,253	6	225 30	30 00	255 30
Goode, J. J.	Bessemer	Alabama	Alabama	Insurance	487	6	48 70	30 00	78 70
Goodman, E. H.	Townsend	Montana	Wisconsin	Lawyer	1,517	6	151 70	30 00	181 70
Gordon, W. W.	Kansas City	Kansas	Kentucky	Chief Police	277	6	27 70	30 00	57 70
Gracey, L. Lew	Bozeman	Montana	New York	Printer	1,452	6	145 20	30 00	175 20

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Greenleaf, Sam K.	Omaha	Nebraska	Indiana	County Official	413	6	$41 30	$30 00	$71 30
Groves, James H.	Marietta	Georgia	Georgia	Insurance	591	6	59 10	30 00	89 10
Haliburton, J. A.	Evangeline	Louisiana	Kentucky	Oil Business	1,063	6	106 30	30 00	136 30
Hamilton, Fred C.	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Canada	Real Estate Agent	1,033	6	103 30	30 00	133 30
Hamilton, Henry A.	St. Louis	Missouri	Missouri	Lawyer	....	6	....	30 00	30 00
Hanger, O. V.	Amherst	Virginia	Virginia	Trav. Representative	870	6	87 00	30 00	117 00
Harrigfeld, Geo.	Ashton	Idaho	Germany	Farmer	1,582	6	158 20	30 00	188 20
Harrison, Chas. M.	Sacramento	California	Virginia	Printer and Publisher.	2,109	6	210 90	30 00	240 90
Hartley, A. G.	Kansas City	Missouri		Manager	277	6	27 70	30 00	57 70
Haynes, J. T.	Richmond	Virginia	Virginia	U. S. Post. Employe	918	6	91 80	30 00	121 80
Heinzeroth, John P.	Wilmington	Delaware	Germany	Leather Manufacturer	1,001	6	100 10	30 00	130 10
Heiston, William L.	East Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	West Virginia	Foreman	621	6	62 10	30 00	92 10
Herman, Louis	Boulder	Colorado	Poland	Merchant	946	6	94 60	30 00	124 60
Herwig, H. A.	Guthrie	Oklahoma	Missouri	Farmer	644	6	64 40	30 00	94 40
Hill, C. W.	Nashville	Arkansas	Arkansas	Traveling Salesman	490	6	49 00	30 00	79 00
Hoagland, Walter V.	North Platte	Nebraska	Illinois	Lawyer	704	6	70 40	30 00	100 40
Hogg, W.	Vancouver	British Columbia	Ontario	Retired	2,507	6	250 70	30 00	280 70
Hollister, W. F.	Cowen	West Virginia	West Virginia	Farmer	719	6	71 90	30 00	101 90
Horn, M. B.	Springfield	Illinois	Illinois	Furniture Dealer	99	6	9 90	30 00	39 90
Horne, Presley F.	Caldwell	Idaho		Gr. Sec. & Gr. Scribe	1,717	6	171 70	30 00	201 70
Hutchison, W. S.	New Haven	Connecticut	Scotland	Gr. Sec. & Gr. Scribe	1,141	6	114 10	30 00	144 10
Ingli, A. J.	Ellsworth	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Insurance Agent	640	6	64 00	30 00	94 00
Isaacs, E. S.	Walla Walla	Washington	Idaho	Merchant Miller	2,029	6	202 90	30 00	232 90
Jenne, E. E.	Newport	Vermont	Vermont	R. R. Freight Checker	1,314	6	131 40	30 00	161 40
Judge, George E.	Buffalo	New York	New York	Judge Children's Court	731	6	73 10	30 00	103 10
Kehlhof, Max	Charleston	South Carolina	South Carolina	Retired	920	6	92 00	30 00	122 00
Kemp, R. W.	Missoula	Montana		Grand Secretary	1,674	6	167 40	30 00	197 40
Kennedy, Wm.	Westmount	Quebec	Ireland	Insurance	1,055	6	105 50	30 00	135 50
King, George M.	Lake Charles	Louisiana	Maine	Lumber Manufacturer	1,032	6	103 20	30 00	133 20
Kingsbury, Herbert N.	Westfield	Massachusetts	New York	Gen. Sales Manager	1,202	6	120 20	30 00	150 20
Knedler, C. F. Sr,	Kaw City	Oklahoma	Ohio	Contractor and Builder	583	6	58 30	30 00	88 30
Kohner, Max	Santa Clara	California	Bohemia	Millman	2,243	6	224 30	30 00	254 30
Krenning, Louis F.	Wytheville	Virginia	Ohio	Lawyer	791	6	79 10	30 00	109 10
Kuntz, H. W.	Zanesville	Ohio	Ohio	Lawyer	509	6	50 90	30 00	80 90
Laidlaw, James A.	Halifax	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	City Official	1,920	6	192 00	30 00	222 00
Lane, F. M.	Memphis	Tennessee	Ohio	Manufacturer	311	6	31 10	30 00	61 10

Langley, A. R.	Columbia	South Carolina	South Carolina	Gen. Mgr. Ins. Co.	852	6	85 20	30 00	115 20
Leedy, W. H.	Indianapolis	Indiana	Indiana	Gr, Sec. & Gr. Scribe.	240	6	24 00	30 00	54 00
Lemarr, James R.	Rock Springs	Wyoming	Wyoming	Clerk and Accountant.	1,222	6	122 20	30 00	152 20
Lewis, Chas. B.	Huntsville	Texas	Missouri	Dental Surgeon	889	6	88 90	30 00	118 90
Lindsay, Richard	Detroit	Michigan	Scotland	City Clerk	488	6	48 80	30 00	78 80
Logan, M. M.	Frankfort	Kentucky	Kentucky	Lawyer	339	6	33 90	30 00	63 90
Louhoff, Wm. C.	Danville	Virginia	Maryland	Merchant Tailor	876	6	87 60	30 00	117 60
Lowe, William H.	Providence	Rhode Island	Rhode Island	Clerk	1,230	6	123 00	30 00	153 00
McArthur, R.	Lachute	Quebec	Canada	Contractor	1,169	6	116 90	30 00	146 90
McClatchey, Homer R.	Columbus	Georgia	Georgia	Dist. Mgr. Tel. Co.	730	6	73 00	30 00	103 00
McCorvie, John	Chatham	Ontario	Ontario	Merchant	539	6	53 90	30 00	83 90
McKay, R. H.	New Glasgow	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	Manufacturer	1,870	6	187 00	30 00	217 00
McKinnon, D. E.	Winnipeg	Manitoba		Secretary	1,033	6	103 30	30 00	133 30
McLean, W. H.	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Canada	Conductor	1,033	6	103 30	30 00	133 30
Macbeth, Jesse	Ft. Wayne	Indiana	Ohio	Lawyer	342	6	34 20	30 00	64 20
Mahoney, Paul W.	LaCrosse	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Lawyer	474	6	47 40	30 00	77 40
Martin, Frank	Boise	Idaho	Arkansas	Lawyer	1,746	6	174 60	30 00	204 60
Mayne, Frederick W.	Charlevoix	Michigan	New York	Judge Circuit Court	672	6	67 20	30 00	97 20
Merrill, Leon S.	Orono	Maine	Maine	Dean Univ. of Maine.	1,490	6	149 00	30 00	179 00
Merritt, H. D.	Spokane	Washington	Kentucky	Dep. Col. Int. Rev.	1,932	6	193 20	30 00	223 20
Millan, W. W.	Washington	Dist. Columbia	Virginia	Lawyer	894	6	89 40	30 00	119 40
Milum, Roy	Harrison	Arkansas	Arkansas	Merchant	571	6	57 10	30 00	87 10
Minter, Victor L.	Carlsbad	New Mexico	District Columbia.	Accountant	1,124	6	112 40	30 00	142 40
Mohr, Wilson K.	Allentown	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Lawyer	960	6	96 00	30 00	126 00
Muir, Andrew G.	Stockton	Kansas	Scotland	Farmer and Stockman.	598	6	59 80	30 00	89 80
Mulcahy, P. H.	Sparks	Nevada	Australia	Editor	1,949	6	194 90	30 00	224 90
Munro, E. H.	Windsor	Nova Scotia	Canada	Mechanical Engineer	1,974	6	197 40	30 00	227 40
Nichols, Chas. S.	Reno	Nevada	Virginia	Under Sheriff	1,945	6	194 50	30 00	224 50
Norman, J. M.	Denver	Colorado	Tennessee	Dentist	916	6	91 60	30 00	121 60
Noyes, G. H.	Cogswell	North Dakota	Wisconsin	Farmer	844	6	84 40	30 00	114 40
Oliver, Joseph	Toronto	Ontario	Ontario	Merchant	717	6	71 70	30 00	101 70
Pardee, Geo. W.	Little Rock	Arkansas	Illinois	Mgr. Life Ins. Co.	349	6	34 90	30 00	64 90
Parker, Addison B.	Watertown	New York	New York	Deputy Sec. State.	952	6	95 20	30 00	125 20
Parker, Robert A.	Calgary	Alberta	Canada	Merchant	1,738	6	173 80	30 00	203 80
Parks, S. C.	Toronto	Ontario	Ontario	Merchant	717	6	71 70	30 00	101 70
Parsons, E. J. C.	Salisbury	Maryland	Maryland	Miller	1,035	6	103 50	30 00	133 50
Parsons, Willis E.	Foxcroft	Maine	Maine	Lawyer	1,484	6	148 40	30 00	178 40
Paulson, Paul	Rawlins	Wyoming	Wyoming	Merchant	1,103	6	110 30	30 00	140 30
Peabody, Frederick B.	Richmond	Maine	Maine	Physician	1,388	6	138 80	30 00	168 80
Pearce, William H.	Baltimore	Maryland	Maryland	Machinist	934	6	93 40	30 00	123 40
Pergau, P.	Waterloo	Quebec	Canada	Clergyman	1,133	6	113 30	30 00	143 80
Perry, Roy A.	Vancouver	British Columbia	Iowa	City Detective	2,507	6	250 70	30 00	280 70
Phelps, Frank J.	Tilton	New Hampshire	New Hampshire	Grocer	1,320	6	132 00	30 00	162 00
Pierce, A. H.	Wellington	Ohio	Ohio	Merchant	568	6	56 80	30 00	86 80
Pierce, Frederick W.	Somerville	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Electrician	1,233	6	123 30	30 00	153 30
Poll, Fred C.	Sheridan	Wyoming	Wisconsin	Merchant	1,171	6	117 10	30 00	147 10

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Names.	Town or Post-Office.	State, Territory, or Province.	Place of Nativity.	Profession.	Miles Traveled.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Pond, Philip	New Haven	Connecticut	Connecticut	Lawyer	1,141	6	$114 10	$30 00	$144 10
Pope, Samuel H.	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Printer	974	6	97 40	30 00	127 40
Potter, J. Whit	Bowling Green	Kentucky	Kentucky	Banker	324	6	32 40	30 00	62 40
Purintum, J. O.	DeSmet	South Dakota	Iowa	Abstractor	740	6	74 00	30 00	104 00
Redfern, Thomas	Salt Lake City	Utah	Pennsylvania	Steam Fitter	1,450	6	145 00	30 00	175 00
Rennard, H. E.	Wheeling	West Virginia	Ohio	Superintendent	570	6	57 00	30 00	87 00
Rinehart, C. D.	Jacksonville	Florida	Ohio	Lawyer	975	6	97 50	30 00	127 50
Robbins, William T.	Hamilton Sq.	New Jersey	New Jersey	Railway Dept. Clerk	1,014	6	101 40	30 00	131 40
Robertson, Geo. M.	Cottonwood	Idaho	Texas	Banker	2,219	6	221 90	30 00	251 90
Robertson, Henry	Dell Rapids	South Dakota	Nova Scotia	Lawyer	616	6	61 60	30 00	91 60
Roderick, W. B.	West Union	Ohio	Ohio	Newspaper Publisher	448	6	44 80	30 00	74 80
Rognlie, Paul B.	Esmond	North Dakota	Minnesota	Merchant	1,025	6	102 50	30 00	132 50
Rosenblatt, Frcd. A.	Greeneville	Tennessee	Tennessee	Merchant	623	6	62 30	30 00	92 30
Ruggles, Henry E.	Franklin	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Lawyer	1,247	6	124 70	30 00	154 70
Roy, John G.	East Barnet	Vermont	Vermont	Manufacturer	1,426	6	142 60	30 00	172 60
Seupholm, Thos. S.	Port Huron	Michigan	Michigan	Banking	545	6	54 50	30 00	84 50
Selfridge, Dean W.	Butte	Montana	New York	Stationary Engineer	1,547	6	154 70	30 00	184 70
Shaw, A. S. J.	Altus	Oklahoma	Mississippi	R. E. Loans & Abs.	690	6	69 00	30 00	99 00
Shaw, James S.	Franklin	New Hampshire	New Hampshire	Optometrist	1,322	6	132 20	30 00	162 20
Shirah, J. H.	Tampa	Florida	Georgia	Merchant	1,187	6	118 70	30 00	148 70
Sillers, Geo.	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan	Canada	Lumber Merchant	1,513	6	151 30	30 00	181 30
Simpson, Chas. L.	Huntington	West Virginia	West Virginia	Mach. & Gr. Scribe	503	6	50 30	30 00	80 30
Simpson, W. G.	Frankfort	Kentucky	Kentucky	Merchant	339	6	33 90	30 00	63 90
Skeen, Cicero A.	Wapanucka	Oklahoma	North Carolina	Retired Merchant	726	6	72 60	30 00	102 60
Smith, C. Bert	Artesia	New Mexico	Missouri	Clerical	1,091	6	109 10	30 00	139 10
Spear, E. A.	Woodstock	Vermont	Vermont	Manufacturer	1,389	6	138 90	30 00	168 90
Spears, A. A.	Brazil	Indiana	Indiana	Dentist	184	6	18 40	30 00	48 40
Stanchfield, S. C.	Minneapolis	Minnesota	Maine	Supervisor P. O.	586	6	58 60	30 00	88 60
Stevens, O. Ray	Wichita	Kansas	Kansas	Salesman	484	6	48 40	30 00	78 40
Stiefelmeyer, George	Cullman	Alabama	Canada	Merchant	475	6	47 50	30 00	77 50
Strickland, F. S.	Columbia	South Carolina	South Carolina	Civil Officer	852	6	85 20	30 00	115 20
Sweeney, O. H.	Waterloo	Iowa	Iowa	Salesman	446	6	44 60	30 00	74 60
Thompson, Herbert A.	Williamston	Michigan	Michigan	Pub. and Banker	492	6	49 20	30 00	79 20
Toward, Harold James	Waterville	Maine	Maine	Dentist	1,427	6	142 70	30 00	172 70
Trautmann, Franklin P.	New York City	New York	New York	Lawyer	1,065	6	106 50	30 00	136 50
Trefren, Geo. W.	Ashland	Oregon	New Hampshire	Lawyer	2,411	6	241 10	30 00	271 10

Van Tilborg, Louis A.	Denver	Colorado	Wisconsin	Broker	916	6	91 60	30 00	121 60
Varnum, C. W.	Denver	Colorado	Michigan	Lawyer	916	6	91 60	30 00	121 60
Wagner, Henry F.	Sigourney	Iowa	Iowa	Lawyer	307	6	30 70	30 00	60 70
Walker, Sol. S.	Oregon City	Oregon	California	Painter	2,228	6	222 80	30 00	252 80
Walker, G. F.	Bellows Falls	Vermont	Vermont	Collector	1,195	6	119 50	30 00	149 50
Walsh, F. J.	Moose Jaw	Saskatchewan	Canada	Coal Merchant	1,431	6	143 10	30 00	173 10
Warham, Thomas T.	Minneapolis	Minnesota	Ontario	Physician and Surgeon	586	6	58 60	30 00	88 60
Washington, E. Day	Wolseley	Saskatchewan	Ontario	Dentist	1,328	6	132 80	30 00	162 80
Watson, Samuel	Champaign	Illinois	Ohio	Retired Merchant	188	6	18 80	30 00	48 80
Weaver, Guy	Asheville	North Carolina	North Carolina	Lawyer	688	6	68 80	30 00	98 80
Weed, Frank E.	Portland	Oregon	Wisconsin	Retired Merchant	2,212	6	221 20	30 00	251 20
Wells, Melville M.	Wilmington	Delaware	Pennsylvania	Jeweler	1,001	6	100 10	30 00	130 10
Whitesides, J. R.	Albuquerque	New Mexico	Missouri	Chemist	1,196	6	119 60	30 00	149 60
Whitman, George W.	Newport Landing	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	Clergyman	1,886	6	188 60	30 00	218 60
Williams, Fred.	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Manufacturer	369	6	36 90	30 00	66 90
Wilson, Alfred B.	Trenton	New Jersey	New Jersey	Wood Engraver	1,008	6	100 80	30 00	130 80
Wolverton, Alba	Philippi	West Virginia	West Virginia	Civil Engineer	664	6	66 40	30 00	96 40
Wood, John H.	Washington	District Columbia	Indiana	Ex. U. S. Pens. Off.	894	6	89 40	30 00	119 40
Woodard, Calvin	Wilson	North Carolina	North Carolina	Merchant and Farmer	1,053	6	105 30	30 00	135 30
Woodruff, Charles A.	Newark	New Jersey	New Jersey	Lawyer	1,056	6	105 60	30 00	135 60
PAST GRAND SIRES.									
Pinkerton, Alfred S.	Worcester	Massachusetts		Lawyer	1,186	6	118 60	30 00	148 60
Conway, E. S.	Chicago	Illinois	Ontario	Piano Manufacturer	284	6	28 40	30 00	58 40
Cockrum, John B.	Indianapolis	Indiana	Indiana	Lawyer	240	6	24 00	30 00	54 00
Robertson, J. B. A.	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma	Iowa	Lawyer	543	6	54 30	30 00	84 30
				Totals	220,014	1320	$22,001 40	$6,540 00	$28,541 40

Majority Report 50. By Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

A majority of your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Circular Letter No. 8, found on page 293 of the Grand Sire's report, beg to report that we have given careful consideration to the subject matter of this reference and we are of the opinion that the Grand Sire had no authority or power to dispense with the law as attempted in this circular letter. The duties of the Grand Sire during recess of the Grand Body are executive and judicial and never legislative. We, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That Circular Letter No. 8, issued by the Grand Sire be, and the same is, hereby disapproved.

Fraternally submitted,
C. D. RINEHART,
For Majority of Committee.

Minority Report 51. By Rep. Hoagland, of Nebraska, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

A minority of your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Circular Letter No. 8 of the Grand Sire, have considered the same. This is a dispensation issued by the Grand Sire to permit a person to take his Initiatory in a lodge other than that of his election, when he is unable to go to his home by reason of serving his country in the present war. The question arises as to the power of the Grand Sire to issue the dispensation; and whether there was a proper exercise of the discretion of the Grand Sire in the emergency which confronted the Order. This was not attempted legislation by an executive officer, but an exercise of an executive function.

While there may be some doubt under a strict construction of our law as to the power of the Grand Sire to issue dispensations in the interval between our sessions, Section 1 of Article IX of the Constitution gives the Grand Sire general superintendence of the interests of the Order during the recess of The Sovereign Grand Lodge. The law ought not to be construed so as to prevent the Grand Sire from meeting the great emergencies that may arise and that require immediate action. Our Grand Sire may be trusted in these emergencies. It must be conceded that our Grand Sire issued the dispensation from a patriotic motive and a sincere desire to advance the Order. Our sons are in the army fighting the battles of our country. They cannot come home for the Initiatory degree. They may not come back at all.

Will we keep them out of the Order of their fathers by reason of a narrow and technical construction of law. No possible harm can come to the Order by a liberal construction of the law.

Executives in times of great crises must meet the emergencies as they arise; big men always have. We should follow the executive in these crises; we always have. The approval of an emergency act of the Grand Sire should not be construed as a precedent or a construction of our laws for future action.

We believe the emergency justified the act of the Grand Sire; that he did the right thing at the right time. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the act of the Grand Sire in issuing the dispensation in Circular Letter No. 8 be, and the same is, hereby approved.

Fraternally submitted,

W. V. HOAGLAND,
C. H. CONNICK,
P. P. CHRISTENSEN,
C. W. VARNUM.

Report 52. By Rep. Perry, of British Columbia, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred Resolution 17, page 510, by Rep. Bradford, of the District of Columbia, beg leave to report that the committee have considered the same and recommend the Grand Decoration of Chivalry be conferred on the Captain named and the resolution be adopted.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 53. By Rep. Coy, of Nebraska, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred Bill 27, page 512, by Rep. Bradford, of the District of Columbia, to amend Patriarchs Militant Code, Section No. 121, relative to the qualification of candidates to receive the Decoration of Chivalry, report favorably on said Bill and recommend the same be placed on final passage.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 54. By Rep. Parks, of Ontario, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred Resolution 18, page 510, by Rep. Parker, of New York, relative to Patriarchs Militant Drill Regulations, beg leave to report favorably on said resolution, and recommend that the same be adopted.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 55. By Rep. Kingsbury, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on the State of the Order.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Resolution 9, page 489, by Rep. Davis, of Illinois, relative to the securing of financial and other information, have carefully considered same and are of the unanimous opinion that said resolution is inexpedient and should not be approved.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 56. By Rep. Kingsbury, of Massachusetts, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report relating to "Record of Members in Military and Naval Service," beg to report this is the official statement of the Grand Secretary of what has been done to comply with existing law and is a record of which we approve.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 57. By Rep. Mahoney, of Wisconsin, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report, numbered 36, and entitled "Secretaries and Grand Secretaries," beg to report that we have considered the matter and are heartily in accord with the sentiments therein expressed and we recommend that said report be approved and that the wishes of the Grand Sire stated in the last paragraph be complied with.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 58. By Rep. Blanchard, of Washington, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred circular letters of the Grand Sire, beg leave to submit the following:

The circular letters of Grand Sire Goudy ring with true patriotism in their strong appeal for loyalty to our Governments.

The letters are characterized by the great energy of the Grand Sire which, so strenuously applied, is in a large measure responsible for the splendid results and success enjoyed by our Order in every phase of its work.

Owing to conditions never before existing, Grand Sire Goudy with alert mind has met every exigency by the promulgation of these circular letters and has stood solidly for the honor of country and the high moral standard of our great fraternity.

He has presented many statements of fact and has given clear and concise utterance to many truths that for all time will render frequent reading of these letters highly valuable to the members of our Order.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 59. By Rep. Lindsay, of Michigan, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Bill 4, page 456, by Rep. Herman, of Colorado, amending Sec. 762 of the Code relating to consolidation of lodges, would respectfully report that they have given the matter careful consideration and recommend the amendment be indefinitely postponed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 60. By Rep. Pope, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Bill 1, page 454, by Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, amending Sec. 55 of the Code, in relation to funeral benefits, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that the Bill be amended by striking out the words "either funeral or," on the third line of the Bill; also by striking out the words "incurred or" on the sixth line; also that all of said Bill after the word "organization" on the eighth line be omitted, so that the Bill as amended shall read:

"Section 55. Funeral Expenses. Nothing in this Code or in the laws of the Order shall be so construed as to require or authorize the payment of a funeral expense in any case where the funeral expenses shall be paid by the Government or by any corporation, society or organization of which the deceased was a member, and which shall have paid said expenses by reason of any obligation it owed to the deceased by reason of his membership in such organization."

Your committee report favorably on the Bill as amended.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 61. By Rep. Bird, of Missouri, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Resolution 1, page 452, by Rep. Mohr, of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report as follows:

Said resolution is one that refers to Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work among our soldier boys across the sea, and as there are other resolutions that are before our committee referring to the same subject matter, and after carefully considering Resolution 1, your committee recommend that it be not adopted.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 62. By Rep. Parsons, of Maine, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Resolution 7, page 488, by Past Grand Sire Pinkerton, of Massachusetts, that The Sovereign Grand Lodge fraternally suggest that lodges,

encampments and Rebekah lodges keep a record of membership engaged in military service and keep in touch with families of such members, rendering such assistance, encouragement and comfort as possible, have had the same under consideration and would recommend that such resolution be adopted.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 63. By Rep. Armstrong, of Manitoba, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Bill 24, page 494, by Rep. Walker, of Vermont, entitled "War Charities," having carefully considered the same, beg leave to report that the said Bill be not adopted.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 64. By Rep. Warham, of Minnesota, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report relative to proclamations, respectfully report as follows: His relation to the birth of our Order and the helpful activities which surround it, take into consideration our soldiers and sailors who cannot become non-beneficial members while engaged in the present emergency, believing that Odd Fellowship cannot prosper unless the blessings of civil, religious and industrial liberty are preserved. We feel that our Grand Sire has been an inspiration to all of us in the matter of patriotism and with the red blood of an American flowing through his veins. We are sure it is his wish as it is ours to see our boys "over there" keep up the good work they are now accomplishing, and which will ultimately restore to France Alsace-Lorraine, place Belgium back to her normal condition, and to keep on going until our boys shall have crossed the Rhine and planted the colors of the Allies on the house of the Hohenzollerns. And we are sure, that the only peace our Grand Sire or we as patriots would accept is unconditional surrender.

Surely the proclamation relative to Memorial Day is written with such dignity and expression of feeling and loving memory of those who have joined the Great Lodge Above that anything further we might say would be inadequate; suffice to say it has revealed the qualities of the man whom we have all learned to love.

The 67 years of Rebekah Odd Fellowship shows the wonderful growth of this branch of the Order and never in the history of fraternalism have women been so prominent. Their wonderful activity in this war, not only on the field of battle serving as Red Cross nurses at the bedside of the sick and wounded, but their aid lent in the factory, on the farm and many other ways too numerous to mention have proven beyond question of a doubt in the minds of the members of this Order that she can well be called the Angel of Mercy and guiding star to the boys not only at the front but in the several cantonments.

We especially commend the work of the Grand Sire for his devotion to duty and for the brotherly love spread among the brethren not only in this country but in Canada, and it is our hope that he may be long spared to lend his energy and devotion to this Order which we all love. Therefore, we recommend that all the proclamations which he has issued and which have been referred to this committee be approved.

Signed by the Committee.

Minority Report 65. By Rep. Hoagland, of Nebraska, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

A minority of your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, have considered Decision 9. We believe that the training camps used by the Government are army posts within the meaning of the resolution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, as quoted in the decision (Journal 1882, pp. 9027, 9092 and 9102). This resolution was merely declarative of what was theretofore the law of the Order. There is nothing in the law that limits the right of this method of joining our Order to times of peace, and the opinion of the majority of the committee, is unnecessary judicial legislation, restricting the right of our soldiers when we should be liberal. We recommend that Decision 9 be approved with the exception that the word "the" in next to the last line of the decision be changed to "A."

Fraternally submitted,

W. V. HOAGLAND,
C. H. CONNICK,
P. P. CHRISTENSEN,
C. W. VARNUM.

Report 66. By Rep. Hamilton, of Manitoba, from the Committee on Legislation.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 12, page 460, by Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, after due consideration recommend that same be put upon its passage.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 67. By Rep. Hutchison, of Connecticut, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 34, page 516, by Rep. Blanchard, of Washington, proposing to amend Section 155 of the Code of 1915, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to recommend that the Bill be not placed on its passage.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 68. By Rep. Thompson, of Michigan, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 33, page 515, by Rep. Haynes, of Virginia, to amend Section 322 of the Code by interlineation, beg leave to report that we have given careful consideration to said Bill and that we believe said proposed legislation to be inexpedient, and therefore recommend that the Bill do not pass.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 69. By Rep. Davis, of Illinois, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 31, page 514, by Reps. Mohr and Avery, of Pennsylvania, amending Section 466, would respectfully report that they have duly considered the same and would recommend that the Bill be not passed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 70. By Rep. Goode, of Alabama, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 32, page 515, by Rep. Cellventtra, of Utah, to amend Section 730, page 337 of the Code relative to Memorial Day services, beg leave to report that we have given said Bill careful consideration and would recommend that said Bill do not pass.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 71. By Rep. Weaver, of North Carolina, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 23, page 493, by Rep. Parks, of Ontario, proposing an amendment to Sec. 54 of the S. G. L. Code, report that they have carefully considered the proposed change, but regard it as inexpedient and recommend that it be not passed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 72. By Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, from the Joint Committees on Finance and State of the Order.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committees on Finance and State of the Order, to whom was referred Bill 7, page 457, by Reps. Varnum and Bradford, beg to report as follows:

We have carefully considered the measure and, while in sympathy with its purposes, believe they are not as fully expressed and provided for as they should be, and therefore do now report and recommend that the following statute be adopted as a substitute therefor and placed upon its passage.

A BILL TO CREATE A WAR RELIEF FUND AND WAR RELIEF COMMISSION.

Article XXIIA.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge:

Section 1. There is hereby created a War Relief Commission to consist of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated and made immediately available from any funds and investments of The Sovereign Grand Lodge the sum of $75,000 to be set aside and establish as a special fund to be known as "The War Relief Fund," to which shall be added any funds received from voluntary contributions under Grand Sire Goudy's Circular Letter No. 12, and any other contributions secured under future appeals of the Grand Sire or the Commission or by other means from any sources. There is also hereby levied upon each Grand Lodge an assessment of an amount equal to 25 cents for each member of its subordinate lodges in good standing at the date of its last report, and a similar assessment upon all lodges under the direct supervision of The Sovereign Grand Lodge. Said assessment shall be paid to the Grand Secretary of The Sovereign Grand Lodge when called for by the Commission, and authority is hereby given to the several Grand Lodges to pay such assessment from funds raised under the authority of Article XXII of the Code of General Laws I. O. O. F. (page 247, 1917 Journal), or in such manner as each Grand Lodge may for itself determine.

Section 3. The Grand Secretary of The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall turn all such funds over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall deposit them in said "War Relief Fund," and shall be paid out by him as ordered by said War Relief Commission.

Section 4. The War Relief Commission shall administer and expend the War Relief Fund as it may deem wise, for the purpose of extending relief, providing entertainment and giving aid and comfort to the members of the Order in the military or naval service on this Continent or in Europe, and their dependent families, under such rules and regulations as they may from time to time determine. They shall have authority to employ such assistants as they may require in the work; and to contribute from said fund any sums that they may deem wise, to other organizations for war relief work.

Section 5. For the purpose of determining the needs and opportunities for relief work overseas, or for other work in the interest of the Order, the Commission may take such steps for the investigation of conditions as they may deem proper and provide for any expenses incident to such investigation out of said fund.

Section 6. No compensation for services shall be allowed to any member of the Commission, other than what may be already allowed under the law, but such expenses as may be necessary in the work of the Commission, or by its members under the direction of the Commission, may be paid out of said fund.

Section 7. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and that this law shall become operative and go into effect immediately upon its passage.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 73. By Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, from the Joint Committees on Finance and State of the Order.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committees on Finance and State of the Order, to whom was referred that part of the supplemental report of the Grand Sire, found on pages 341 and 342, entitled "Committee to Investigate Conditions of Fraternal Societies and Their Members Overseas," beg to report that we have considered the subject and recommend that the action of the Grand Sire in this matter be commended and approved.

Signed by the Committee.

Rep. Christensen, of Utah, laid on the table the following proposed amendments to the Constitution:

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE IX.

Amend Article IX, Section 1, of the Constitution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge by striking out the word "two" in the third line of said section and inserting the word "four" in lieu thereof, by striking out the word "annually" in the fourth line of said section and inserting the word "biennially" in lieu thereof, by striking out the words "one year" in the eighth line of said section and inserting the words "two years" in lieu thereof, and by striking out the word "annually" in the eighth line in said section and inserting the word "biennially" in lieu thereof, so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

"Article IX, Section 1, Grand Representatives. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for a term of four years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seat shall be vacated biennially by rotation; *provided, however*, that State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments which are now or may hereafter be entitled to two Grand Representatives may provide by general law for the election of one such Grand Representative to serve for two years, his successor to be elected biennially by such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. In case of vacancy by death, resignation or otherwise during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of the Grand Representative filling such office at the time such vacancy shall occur, in the manner set out in the Constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XII.

Amend Article XII, Section 1, Constitution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge by inserting after the word "determined" in the fourth line of said section the words "until the year 1924, and thereafter it shall meet biennially on the same date," and by striking out the word "annual" in

the twelfth line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "biennial," so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 1. Session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge. This Sovereign Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of September at 9 A. M., at such place as The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine until the year 1924, and thereafter it shall meet biennially on the same date. It may also meet on its own adjournment. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called, and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless such notice has been given; *provided*, that if it shall be impracticable, from the prevalence of contagious disease or any other cause, for the biennial session to be held at the place designated therefor, The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held, or if The Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Grand Sire."

Signed by Representatives from Four Jurisdictions.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the chair declared The Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, September 19, 1918, 9 A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Sire, Frank C. Goudy, presiding.

Present: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Sires and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Rev. J. A. Lucas, Grand Chaplain, offered prayer.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared The Sovereign Grand Lodge open for business.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the previous meeting when it was moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with, which was agreed to.

On motion, Reps. Hogg, of British Columbia, and Kuntz, of Ohio, were excused from further attendance on this session.

The following telegrams were received:

DALLAS, TEXAS, September 18, 1918.

Harry J. Emmins, care John B. Goodwin, The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., St. Louis, Mo.:

Dallas Lodge, No. 44, donates fifty dollars.

W. H. WALKER.

BURLINGTON, VT., September 18, 1918.

John B. Goodwin, Grand Secretary, Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., St. Louis, Mo.:

Subordinates one and fourteen contribute fourteen dollars war relief fund.

N. W. WARNER, Secretary Fourteen.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 18, 1918.

John B. Goodwin, Grand Secretary, St. Louis, Mo.:

Grand Lodge of District of Columbia donates one hundred dollars to begin relief work in France—personal subscriptions. Many lodges yet to be heard from. Am instructed to say Grand Lodge will do more.

FRANK E. RAPP, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Sire called for the report from the Special Committee appointed to acknowledge the letter from the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., when the following was presented:

Report 74. By Rep. Macbeth, of Indiana, from the Special Committee to acknowledge greetings from Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., which was considered and adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

We, your committee to whom was referred the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Missouri, with instructions to present the greetings and best wishes of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, would respectfully report that we have performed that duty and herewith attach copy of acknowledgment submitted as follows:

To The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri:

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows accepts with great pleasure the kindly greetings and felicitations of the Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri,

and desires to extend to your Grand Lodge and the seventy-four thousand Master Masons, whom it represents, the sincere wishes of The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and the more than two and a quarter million members for whom it acts.

We rejoice that we are meeting in a city and State where not only the utmost hospitality abounds, but where the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth have been taught to, and accepted by more than seventy-four thousand Master Masons and eighty-five thousand Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

No democracy can be safe without the inculcation into its citizenship of the principles underlying our great institutions. May these principles be triumphant in this Great Hour, so that democracy shall be made safe for all time and the work of the despot ended forever.

May your Order succeed in your good State and everywhere.

Fraternally,

JESSE MACBETH,
WILSON K. MOHR,
C. H. CONNICK.

Rep. Leedy, of Indiana, moved that the Body heartily endorse and approve the services of Grand Sire Goudy during his term, which was agreed to by a rising vote.

The Body proceeded to the consideration of reports as they appear on the Journal.

Report 32, page 500, from the Committee on the Rebekah Degree, placing Bill 18 on its passage, was considered, when Rep. Martin, of Idaho, moved that Bill 18 be amended by striking out the words "Rebekah Assemblies or Associations" in the fifth and sixth lines of Section 319A, and substituting the words "The Association of Rebekah Assemblies."

After some time spent in discussion Rep. Emmins, of Texas, moved the previous question. When the Grand Sire asked, "Shall the main question be now put?" and the main question was ordered.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was adopted.

The question recurring on Bill 18, as amended, it was adopted, the yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS.—Addison, Allison, Anderson, Arnold, Arrasmith, Ashley, Barber, Barrow, Baumes, Belcher, Bessent, Billstein, Bird, Blake, Blanchard, Bodenhamer, Boggess, Bowers, Bradford, Breith, Brooks, Brown, Brueck, Brumbaugh, Brumfield, Bryant, Burlingame, Carter, Cellventtra, Chandler, Chapman, Christensen, Cilley, Connally, Connick, Cooper, Cramton, Cranston, Davidson, Davis, Dobson, Eastin, Edgers, Emerson, Emmins, Fahl, Field, Fine, Fischesser, Foster, Gage, Gerlach, Glass, Goodman, Goode, Gordon, Gracey, Greenleaf, Groves, Haliburton, Hamilton of Manitoba, Hamilton of Missouri, Hanger, Harrigfeld, Harrison, Hartley, Haynes, Heinzeroth, Herman, Herwig, Hill, Hoagland, Hogg, Hollister, Horn, Horne, Ingli, Isaacs, Jenne, Judge, Kehlhof, Kemp, Kennedy, King, Knedler, Kohner, Krenning, Laidlaw, Lane, Langley, Leedy, Lemarr, Lewis, Lindsay, Logan, Louhoff, Lowe, McArthur, McCorvie, McKay of Maritime Provinces, McKinnon, McLean, Macbeth, Mahoney, Martin, Mayne, Merrill, Merritt, Millan, Milum, Minter, Muir, Mulcahy, Nichols, Norman, Noyes, Oliver, Pardee, Parker of New York, Parker of Alberta, Parks, Parsons of Maine, Parsons of Maryland, Paulson, Peabody, Pearce, Pergau, Perry, Phelps, Pierce of Ohio, Pierce of Massachusetts, Poll, Potter, Purintum, Redfern, Rennard, Rinehart, Robertson of Idaho, Robertson of South Dakota, Roderick, Rognlie, Rosenblatt, Roy, Scupholm, Selfridge, Shaw of New Hampshire, Shaw of Oklahoma, Shirah, Sillers, Simpson of Kentucky, Simpson of West Virginia, Skeen, Smith, Spear, Spears, Stanchfield, Stevens, Stiefelmeyer, Strickland, Thompson, Toward, Trautmann, Trefren, Wagner, Walker of Oregon, Walker of Vermont, Walsh, Warham, Washington, Watson, Weaver, Weed, Wells, Whitesides, Whitman, Williams, Wolverton, Wood, Woodard.—Total, 179.

NAYS.—Armstrong, Avery, Belt, Bushnell, Canfield, Coy, Falk, Genevay, Heiston, Hutchison, Kingsbury, Mohr, Munro, Pond, Pope, Robbins, Ruggles, Van Tilborg, Varnum, Wilson, Woodruff.—Total, 21.

Rep. Davis, of Illinois, moved that the consideration of Bill 28 be made a special order for 10 A. M. Friday, which was agreed to.

Past Grand Sire Robertson was called to the chair.

Report 34, page 517, from the Special Committee of Past Grand Sires, was considered and adopted.

Reports 35 and 36, pages 517 and 518, from the Committee on Correspondence, was considered and adopted.

Report 37, page 518, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

Report 38, page 518, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 39, page 519, from the same committee, placing Bills 10 and 11 on their passage, was considered, when objection being made to considering the two Bills together, Bill 10 was placed upon its passage and the Bill adopted, the yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS.—Addison, Allison, Anderson, Arrasmith, Ashley, Avery, Baker, Barber, Barrow, Baumes, Belcher, Belt, Bessent, Billstein, Bird, Blake, Blanchard, Bodenhamer, Bowers, Bradford, Breith, Brown, Brueck, Brumbaugh, Brumfield, Bryant, Burlingame, Bushnell, Carter, Cellventtra, Chapman, Christensen, Cilley, Connally, Connick, Cooper, Coy, Cramton, Cranston, Davidson, Edgers, Emerson, Emmins, Falk, Field, Fischesser, Foster, Gage, Genevay, Gerlach, Glass, Goode, Goodman, Gracey, Greenleaf, Groves, Haliburton, Hamilton, Harrigfeld, Harrison, Hartley, Heinzeroth, Heiston, Herman, Herwig, Hogg, Horn, Horne, Hutchison, Ingli, Jenne, Judge, Kehlhof, Kemp, Kennedy, Kingsbury, Kohner, Krenning, Laidlaw, Lane, Langley, Leedy, Lemarr, Lindsay, Logan, Louhoff, Lowe, McArthur, McClatchey, McCorvie, McKay, McKinnon, McLean, Macbeth, Mahoney, Martin, Merrill, Millan, Minter, Mohr, Munro, Nichols, Norman, Oliver, Pardee, Parker of New York, Parker of Alberta, Parks, Parsons of Maine, Parsons of Maryland, Paulson, Peabody, Pearce, Pergau, Perry, Pierce of Ohio, Pierce of Massachusetts, Poll, Potter, Purintum, Redfern, Rennard, Rinehart, Robbins, Robertson of Idaho, Robertson of South Dakota, Roderick, Rognlie, Rosenblatt, Ruggles, Scupholm, Shaw of New Hampshire, Shaw of Oklahoma, Shirah, Sillers, Simpson, Spears, Stanchfield, Stiefelmeyer, Strickland, Thompson, Toward, Trautmann, Trefren, Varnum, Wagner, Walker, Walsh, Washington, Watson, Weaver, Weed, Wells, Whitesides, Whitman, Williams, Wolverton, Wood, Woodard, Woodruff.—Total 160.

NAYS.—Brooks, Selfridge, Stevens.—Total 3.

Bill 11 was then placed upon its passage and adopted, the yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS.—Addison, Allison, Anderson, Arrasmith, Avery, Barrette, Barrow, Baumes, Bessent, Billstein, Bird, Blanchard, Bodenhamer, Bowers, Bradford, Breith, Brueck, Brumbaugh, Brumfield, Burlingame, Bushnell, Canfield, Carter, Cellventra, Chapman, Christensen, Cilley, Connally, Cooper, Coy, Cramton, Cranston, Davidson, Eastin, Edgers, Emerson, Falk, Fine, Gage, Genevay, Gerlach, Glass, Gordon, Greenleaf, Groves, Haliburton, Hamilton of Missouri, Harrison, Hartley, Heinzeroth, Heiston, Herman, Herwig, Hoagland, Hollister, Hutchison, Ingli, Judge, Kehlhof, Kennedy, King, Knedler, Kohner, Laidlaw, Lane, Langley, Leedy, Lemarr, Lindsay, Logan, Lowe, McArthur, McCorvie, McKay of Maritime Provinces, McKinnon, Macbeth, Mahoney, Mayne, Merrill, Millan, Mohr, Mulcahy, Munro, Nichols, Norman, Oliver, Pardee, Parker of New York, Parks, Parsons of Maine, Parsons of Maryland, Paulson, Peabody, Pearce, Pergau, Perry, Phelps, Poll, Pond, Pope, Potter, Purintum, Redfern, Rennard, Rinehart, Robbins, Robertson of South Dakota, Rosenblatt, Ruggles, Scup-

holm, Shaw of New Hampshire, Shaw of Oklahoma, Simpson of Kentucky, Simpson of West Virginia, Skeen, Spears, Strickland, Thompson, Toward, Trautmann, Trefren, Van Tilborg, Varnum, Weaver, Weed, Whitman, Williams, Wilson, Wolverton, Wood. Woodard.—Total 131.

NAYS.—Armstrong, Arnold, Barber, Belcher, Blake, Brooks, Brown, Bryant, Chandler, Connick, Dobson, Emmins, Fahl, Field, Foster, Goodman, Gracey, Hamilton of Manitoba, Hanger, Harrigfeld, Haynes, Hill, Horn, Horne, Jenne, Kemp, Krenning, Louhoff, McLean, Martin, Milum, Minter, Muir, Parker of Alberta, Pierce of Ohio, Robertson of Idaho, Roderick, Rognlie, Roy, Selfridge, Shirah, Sillers, Smith, Spear, Stanchfield, Stevens, Stiefelmeyer, Wagner, Walker of Oregon, Walker of Vermont, Walsh, Washington, Watson, Wells, Whitesides.—Total 55.

Grand Sire Goudy resumed the chair.

Report 40, page 519, from the Committee on International Relations, was considered, when Rep. Emmins, of Texas, moved the report be recommitted to the committee, which was agreed to.

Report 41, page 520, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 42, page 520, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 43, page 520, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered and adopted.

Report 44, page 521, from the Committee on Petitions, was considered and adopted.

Report 45, page 521, from the Committee on the State of the Order, was considered and adopted.

Report 46, page 521, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered and adopted.

Majority Report 47, page 522, from the same committee, was considered, when Rep. Hoagland, of Nebraska, moved the substitution of Minority Report 65, page 535, for the Majority Report.

After some time spent in discussion Rep. Mahoney, of Wisconsin, moved the previous question. When the Grand Sire asked, "Shall the main question be now put?" and the main question was ordered.

The question recurring on the substitution of the Minority for Majority Report.

Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, moved a roll call, which was agreed to, the yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS.—Anderson, Arrasmith, Ashley, Baker, Belt, Blake, Blanchard, Bowers, Bradford, Breith, Bruecke, Brumfield, Burlingame, Cellventtra, Christensen, Connick, Coy, Cramton, Cranston, Davidson, Dobson, Edgers, Field, Fischesser, Gage, Genevay, Gerlach, Glass, Goode, Greenleaf, Groves, Harrison, Haynes, Heinzeroth, Herman, Hoagland, Hogg, Ingli, Isaacs, Jenne, Kohner, Lane, Leedy, Logan, Louhoff, Lowe, McCorvie, McKay, Mahoney, Martin, Mayne, Merritt, Minter, Munro, Norman, Oliver, Perry, Pierce of Ohio, Redfern, Robbins, Robertson of Idaho, Robertson of South Dakota, Rosenblatt, Smith, Spear, Spears, Stanchfield, Stiefelmeyer, Trefren, Van Tilborg, Varnum, Wagner, Walker of Vermont, Warham, Weaver, Weed, Wells, Whitesides, Williams, Wilson, Woodard, Woodruff.—Total 82.

NAYS.—Addison, Armstrong, Arnold, Avery, Barber, Barrette, Barrow, Baumes, Belcher, Bessent, Billstein, Bird, Bodenhamer, Boggess, Brooks, Brown, Brumbaugh, Bryant, Bushnell, Canfield, Carter, Chandler, Chapman, Cilley, Connally, Cooper, Davis, Eastin, Emerson, Emmins, Fahl, Falk, Fine, Foster, Goodman, Gordon, Haliburton, Hamilton of Manitoba, Hamilton of Missouri, Hanger, Harrigfeld, Hartley, Heiston, Herwig, Hill, Horn, Horne, Hutchison, Judge, Kemp, Kennedy, King, Kingsbury, Krenning, Lemarr, Lewis, Lindsay, McArthur, McKinnon, McLean, Macbeth, Merrill, Millan, Milum, Mohr, Muir, Mulcahy, Nichols, Pardee, Parker of New York, Parker of Alberta, Parks, Parsons of Maine, Parsons of Maryland, Paulson, Peabody, Pearce, Pergau, Phelps, Pierce of Massachusetts, Poll, Pond, Pope, Potter, Purintum, Rinehart, Roderick, Rognlie, Ruggles, Scupholm, Selfridge, Shaw of New Hampshire, Shaw of Oklahoma, Shirah, Sillers, Simpson of Kentucky, Stevens, Strickland, Thompson, Toward, Trautmann, Walker of Oregon, Walsh, Washington, Watson, Whitman, Wood.—Total 107.

The Grand Sire thereupon declared the Majority Report adopted.

The Jurisdictions were called, when the following were presented:

Resolution 21. Rep. Brown, of Alberta, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Question: Where a subordinate lodge has become defunct and its charter taken up, what is the standing in the Order of its soldier and sailor members?

(Referred to Grand Sire. Report 111.)

Resolution 22. Rep. Hamilton, of Manitoba, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Article XXXV of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, after enumerating several of the usual purposes for which the Grand Master may grant dispensations, contains the following:

"He shall have power to issue dispensations, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to any lodge under the Jurisdiction, to exempt it, in any particular case from the operation of any of the various regulations, other than financial by which it is governed, or to enable it to proceed in any matter with other than the usual and prescribed formalities whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the interest and welfare of the order so to do."

Question: 1st. Does this conflict with Section 423 of Article 10, Chapter 10, page 203 of the Code?

2d. Can a Grand Lodge authorize its Grand Master to grant a dispensation to a subordinate lodge allowing it to suspend any law found in the subordinate lodge constitution?

(Referred to Grand Sire. Report 111.)

Resolution 23. Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the Treasurer for $25.00 to reimburse the General Military Council for amount paid for an engrossed certificate and set of resolutions which by authority of the Grand Sire were presented to Canton City of the Straits, No. 38, of Detroit, Michigan, in acknowledgment of their visit to Louisville, Kentucky, at the 1917 session, and drill in Class A, notwithstanding that no prize was offered in this class, and for conferring the P. M. degree, with no other incentive except for the benefit and instructions of those in attendance; and further also for the splendid showing they made in the parade.

(Approved. Report 94.)

Resolution 24. Rep. Parker, of Alberta, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Question: Where a subordinate lodge, through the failure of its members to meet becomes liable to suspension, has the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction authority to lift the charter, when on investigation it is found that there is a quorum of members in good standing, now serving in France?

(Referred to Grand Sire. Report 111.)

Bill 35.

Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 361 OF THE CODE OF GENERAL LAWS I. O. O. F.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 361 of the Code of General Laws, I. O. O. F., be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 361. May Frame and Adopt Constitutions and Amendments Thereto. Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall have the right to frame their own organic laws and to alter and amend the same from time to time. But no constitution or other organic law, or any alteration thereof or amendment thereto shall be effective until approved by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, or by the Deputy Grand Sire, acting on its behalf. The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have power to direct a Grand Body to remove any provision from its Constitution in conflict with the fundamental laws of the Order, although such Constitution may have been approved."

(Adopted. Report 108.)

Bill 36.

Rep. Hamilton, of Manitoba, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

TO AMEND SECTION 188 OF THE CODE.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 188 of the Code be amended by striking out the word "scarlet" so that the section, when amended, will read as follows:

"Section 188. Form. The certificate prescribed by the preceding section shall not be required to be in any particular form, but any language that will set forth the facts required to be stated by said section shall be sufficient. The following shall be regarded as sufficient:

"Hall of ..... Lodge, No. ....., I. O. O. F.
....., 19....

This is to certify that Brother ..... is a member of the ..... degree of this lodge in good standing."

(Adopted. Report 105.)

Bill 37.

Rep. Herwig, of Oklahoma, presented the following Bill, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 369 OF THE CODE OF GENERAL LAWS.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 369 of the Code of General Laws be amended by adding the following thereto:

"They shall have full power and authority to enact all laws governing and regulating the payment of sick and funeral benefits and the affording of relief to members and their wives, widows and orphans in their respective Jurisdictions. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed," so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 369. Power to Enact Laws. Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall have power and authority to enact all laws necessary for their own government, for the government of subordinate bodies subject to their jurisdiction, and for the regulation of the conduct of their own officers and members and the officers and members of their subordinate bodies, subject only to the laws, rules and regulations enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge. They shall have full power and authority to enact all laws governing and regulating the payment of sick and funeral benefits, and the affording of relief to members and their wives, widows and orphans in their respective Jurisdictions. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed."

(Referred to Special Committee to report at next session. Report 107.)

Report 75. By Rep. Potter, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Finance.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred account for extra per diem for the members of the Committee on Appeals attached hereto amounting to $145.00, have examined same and find it correct and recommend its payment.

Extra per diem of members of the Committee on Appeals:

L. J. Eastin, 5 days	$25.00
Frank Martin, 4 days	20.00
W. W. Millan, 5 days	25.00
M. M. Logan, 5 days	25.00
H. P. Merritt, 5 days	25.00
C. H. Allison, 5 days	25.00
Total	$145.00

Signed by the Committee.

Report 76. By Rep. Potter, of Kentucky, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the claim of the Committee on the Judiciary for extra per diem amounting to $150.00, have examined same and find it correct and recommend its payment.

Extra per diem of the Committee on the Judiciary:

C. D. Rinehart, 4 days at $5.00	$20.00
F. P. Trautmann, 4 days at $5.00	20.00
W. K. Mohr, 4 days at $5.00	20.00
Geo. W. Pardee, 4 days at $5.00	20.00
P. P. Christensen, 4 days at $5.00	20.00
C. W. Varnum, 4 days at $5.00	20.00
W. V. Hoagland, 4 days at $5.00	20.00
H. W. Kuntz, 2 days at $5.00	10.00
Total	$150.00

Signed by the Committee.

Report 77. By Rep. Avery, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following bill:

R. H. Shanks, Official Reporter, 6 days	$30.00
J. K. P. Neatherry, Assistant Grand Messenger, 6 days	30.00
C. J. Nash, Assistant Grand Messenger, 6 days	30.00
R. S. Fletcher, Assistant Grand Guardian, 6 days	30.00
H. C. Stevens, Assistant Grand Guardian, 6 days	30.00
W. M. Glenn, Assistant Grand Messenger, 6 days	30.00
Mrs. G. W. Wright, Proofreader, Railroad Fare	93.40
Richard Hoe, Mailing Clerk, 6 days	30.00
R. G. Elliott, Keeper of P. G. R. Register, 6 days	30.00
G. W. Bruce, Messenger to Grand Secretary, 6 days	30.00

would respectfully report that we have examined the same and recommend that the same be approved.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 78. By Rep. Van Tilborg, of Colorado, from the Committee on Odd Fellows' Homes.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Odd Fellows' Homes desire to congratulate the various Jurisdictions of our Order on the good work they have done in the past year in the service of humanity.

There can be no higher, holier or better work in which we can engage. But we feel that we must urge our Jurisdictions to put forth still greater

effort in the next year to increase and broaden their work. Let those States and Provinces which are now raising funds for the building of Homes go forward with increased speed so that they will be able to build more quickly and be thus sooner ready to do their part in carrying these vital tenets of our Order in relieving the distressed and educating our orphans.

The Grand Sire in his report informs us that there are now 100,000 of our members under arms fighting the battles for Liberty and Democracy and this will be certain to increase the membership in our Homes and that such increase, together with the higher cost of living, must make the burden still heavier to carry, but that we must bear it cheerfully because our brothers oversea and field are giving their lives for our protection and the maintenance of our Liberty. We endorse this statement and call your attention to the additional fact that during the next year the brethren in the service are sure to increase with surprising rapidity. We must therefore urge every Jurisdiction to meet this situation and do it promptly.

We heartily commend those Jurisdictions which have laid the foundation for Endowment Funds. We are confident that a substantial fund of this character is absolutely essential to the successful financial management of our Homes, and we earnestly recommend to every Jurisdiction the establishment of an Endowment Fund and thus will the future success of your Home be assured.

Our attention has been called to those orphan children of our Order who have tuberculosis and the fact that under our present system no provisions have been made for their care. We therefore recommend that the Grand Sire be authorized and instructed to obtain from the various Jurisdictions the number of such cases and other data pertaining to the subject to be presented to The Sovereign Grand Lodge at our next session for its information and guidance in working out a plan for the care of these unfortunates either by the building of a sanitarium or otherwise as may seem best.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 79. By Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, from the Committee on the Judiciary.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred Decision 73, recommend that said decision be amended by striking out the words "does not authorize or justify" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "has nothing whatever to do with," so that the said decision shall read as follows:

DECISION No. 73 (WASHINGTON), S. G. L. J., PAGE 247.

"WAR LEGISLATION.—The war legislation (Journal, 1917, page 247), has nothing whatever to do with the reinstatement of a member who had been previously dropped for non-payment of dues.

"A Grand Lodge has no authority to instruct its Grand Secretary to change his records and restore such brother to membership."

Signed by the Committee.

Report 80. By Rep. Norman, of Colorado, from the Special Committee on Joint Installation Ceremony.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee on Joint Installation Ceremony, to whom was referred the Joint Installation Ceremony reported last year, respectfully report that the Joint Installation Ceremony for the officers of subordinate and Rebekah lodges has met with such a hearty reception that we congratulate the Order on its adoption and recommend that it be generally adopted wherever a subordinate and Rebekah lodge exist in the same locality.

We further recommend that the committee be continued with instructions to prepare a similar ceremony for the joint installation of the officers of a subordinate lodge and encampment, also one for the officers of a subordinate encampment and Rebekah lodge.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 81. By Rep. Mulcahy, of Nevada, from the Committee on Patriarchal Branch of the Order.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report relating to the Patriarchal branch of the Order, beg leave to report that we heartily approve the same, and would urge the Representatives from Grand Encampments to The Sovereign Grand Lodge, at all times when in attendance at subordinate lodge meetings, to urge upon the members to become members of the Encampment branch of the Order. That, in the opinion of your committee, would tend to the growth of the Patriarchal branch more than new legislation.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 82. By Rep. Ruggles, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom were referred:

That part of the Grand Sire's report, on pages 280 and 281, entitled "Travels and Official Visits";

That part of the Grand Sire's report, Section 14E, on page 292, entitled "Official Visits";

That part of the Grand Sire's report, on page 325, entitled "Acknowledgments";

That part of the Grand Secretary's report, pages 346 and 347, entitled "Miscellaneous Business";

That part of the Grand Secretary's report, on page 426, entitled "The Present Session in St. Louis," also "Acknowledgments"; beg leave to report:

In the spirit of conservation of time and space, we report upon the subject matter hereinbefore referred to as a whole and therefore re-

luctantly refrain from enlarging upon the splendid services rendered by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary and the beneficial results therefrom in the several visitations referred to and reported thereon.

From reports, verbal and otherwise, these official and fraternal visitations have been of mutual pleasure and assistance; as officials they have intensified the dignity and respect of their official positions, and have further, by the love and esteem in which both the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary are personally held, served to more closely cement the fraternal ties which bind the working member to the officials who guide the destinies of the Order.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 83. By Rep. Norman, of Colorado, from the Committee on the State of the Order.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Bill 2, page 455, by Reps. Varnum and Norman, of Colorado, recommend that the said Bill be amended so as to read as follows, and that as so amended the Bill do pass:

A PILL TO ADD TO THE CODE OF GENERAL LAWS OF THE I. O. O. F. A NEW SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 373A, PRESCRIBING THE LANGUAGE IN WHICH SUBORDINATE BODIES MAY WORK.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, There is hereby added to the Code of General Laws of the I. O. O. F. a new section to be known as Section 373A, as follows:

"Section 373A. The Language in which Subordinate Bodies may Work. No Grand Body shall hereafter authorize any subordinate or Rebekah lodge or any subordinate encampment on the Continent of North America to work in any other than the English language.

"On or before June 30, 1919, all subordinate and Rebekah lodges and all subordinate encampments on the Continent of North America, working in any other than the English language, shall surrender their rituals in exchange for rituals printed in the English language (which shall be furnished by The Sovereign Grand Lodge without charge), and after December 31, 1919, all the work and business of such lodges and encampments shall be conducted in the English language."

Signed by the Committee.

Report 84. By Rep. Norman, of Colorado, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report headed "Historical," "What is Odd Fellowship?" and "Service in the Order," respectfully report that in our opinion these eloquent lines reveal once more to the Order the greatness and majesty of the man who is about to retire from his high position as the chosen leader of our Order.

Never in its history have we had a Grand Sire of higher attainments, wider experience, broader view or keener insight into the future.

The marvelous growth of the Order to which he refers is coincident with his own activity in its work and that activity has contributed in no small degree to our growth and development.

To his clear vision the real scope and purpose of our Order in the great plan of our civilization has never been obscured, and, better than most men has he been able to divine the needs of coming years.

The name of Frank C. Goudy will ever remain one of the bright stars in the galaxy of distinguished men who have led our Order on to greatness.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 85. By Rep. Leedy, of Indiana, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred Bill 19, page 491, by Past Grand Sire Pinkerton and Reps. Kingsbury, Belcher, Ruggles and Pierce, of Massachusetts, beg to report that we have given the subject matter therein contained consideration, and recommend the passage of the Bill.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 86. By Rep. Cooper, of Ontario, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of page 347, Grand Secretary's report, entitled "District Deputy Grand Sires, for 1917-18," beg to submit the following:

We find the Grand Sire has made in all nine appointments which must necessarily greatly enhance the good work of the Order. We agree with the action of the Grand Sire and recommend the appointments be approved.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 87. By Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing Supplies.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Printing Supplies submit the following. We have duty considered the several matters below referred to and recommend:

That Bill 9, page 459, by Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, and referred to this committee by the Committee on Finance and State of the Order, be referred to the Grand Secretary and chairman of the Committee on Printing Supplies for such use as they may be able to make of the suggestions it contains in carrying out the instructions on the same subject covered by paragraph 4 in Report 9, on page 473.

That Resolution 16, by Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, page 509, be approved.

That Resolution 11, page 490, by Rep. Billstein of Maryland, be approved.

That consideration of Resolution 20, page 511, by Reps. Robbins and Woodruff of New Jersey, be postponed until the next annual session.

That having advice that the Gold and Silver section of the U. S. War Industries Board are about to promulgate regulations governing the distribution of gold and silver, which may require modification in the specifications governing the manufacture of our jewels, we recommend that the Committee on Printing Supplies be, and are, hereby given authority to authorize and regulate such modifications as in their judgment may be necessary to meet the emergency and care for the interests of the Order.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 88. By Rep. Blanchard, of Washington, from the Special Committee on Courtesies.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee on Courtesies respectfully submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The great city of St. Louis and the grand old State of Missouri have received the officers and members of this Sovereign Grand Lodge and the visiting Odd Fellows and Rebekahs with a marked degree of real hospitality; and

WHEREAS, We realize the large amount of time and energy that have been employed by the committee of arrangements in order to fully prepare for our comfort and pleasure; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, that we express our sincere thanks to the chairmen and their committees of entertainment and to the Chamber of Commerce and citizens of St. Louis for the warm welcome that has been accorded us; and that we further most heartily appreciate the opportunity to attend devotional services in the beautiful Christ Church Cathedral; the brilliant and tasty banquet and program so much enjoyed by all; the recreative and interesting automobile rides through the wonderful parks and splendid suburbs of the city and the many informal social hours provided.

Resolved, Second, that we highly commend this committee for the complete success they have attained in so satisfactorily entertaining us, not by the expenditure of large sums of money for parade and prize purposes, but rather by their well-directed effort and close attention to every detail of the big task that was before them.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 89. By Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Finance.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance has had called to its attention that our Order is given credit in the columns of *Life*, page 420, issue of September 19, 1918, for contributing a fund for the care of one of the war orphans in France, and upon inquiry find that such contribution was made by our retiring Grand Sire from the allowance made for the expenses of his office, and while he declines any offer of reimbursement, we believe that this act should be acknowledged and made of record.

We, therefore, recommend that the thanks of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and are, hereby extended to Grand Sire Goudy for his act in thus placing the name of our Order upon the Roll of Honor in this splendid, patriotic and humanitarian work.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 90. By Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, from the Joint Committees on Finance and State of the Order.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committees on Finance and State of the Order, to whom was referred Bill 9, page 459, by Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, recommend that inasmuch as the same subject matter in paragraph 30, page 305 of the Grand Sire's report was referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies, that said Bill 9 be likewise referred to that committee.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 91. By Rep. Emmins, of Texas, from the Committee on Finance.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report entitled "Halifax Disaster," found on pages 292 and 322 to 324, would report as follows:

We recommend the approval of the action of the Grand Sire in at once ordering sent to Bro. Joseph Oliver the sum $1000 to be expended in relief of Odd Fellows at Halifax. We have also gone into the whole matter by conference with the brothers from Halifax, as well as examining the record. We wish to commend the committee in the careful handling of all funds in their possession, as well as their methods so far pursued in the disbursing of said funds. We also recommend that the brothers of Halifax be granted the right to the use of not exceeding $2000 for the partial repairing of their lodge building, as we are convinced of the great need of this assistance.

We shall expect the continued disbursing of these funds along the lines now being followed, and a full report made to the next session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 92. By Rep. Robbins, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred Resolution 15, page 508, by Rep. Bradford, of the District of Columbia, relative to form to be signed by a Department Commander-elect, have carefully considered same and it is the unanimous opinion that said resolution is inexpedient and should not be approved.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 93. By Rep. Bushnell, of Connecticut, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Patriarchs Militant, to whom was referred Bill 26, page 511, by Rep. Bradford, of the District of Columbia, amending the Patriarchs Militant Code, adding a new section to be known as Section 87A, relative to written examination in Patriarchs Militant Code and Tactics, would respectfully report that they have given the matter careful consideration and recommend the Bill be not adopted.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 94. By Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Finance.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution 23, page 546, by Rep. Bradford, of the District of Columbia, recommend that it be approved.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 95. By Rep. Norman, of Colorado, from the Committee on the State of the Order.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was re-referred Bill 5, page 456, by Rep. Norman, relating to Veteran Odd Fellows, beg to report that we find the subject covered by Sections 18–22 of the Code and we recommend that further consideration be postponed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 96. By Rep. Mahoney, of Wisconsin, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Resolution 6, page 488, by Past Grand Sire Pinkerton, beg to report that we have carefully considered said matter and find that the matter set forth in said resolution is covered by a report on Bill 20, and we would therefore recommend that said resolution be not further considered.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 97. By Rep. Armstrong, of Manitoba, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Resolution 8, page 488, by Rep. Coy, of Nebraska, beg to report that having carefully considered the same, we deem the said resolution inexpedient and recommend that it be not adopted.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 98. By Rep. Warham, of Minnesota, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Bill 28, page 512, by Rep. Davis, of Illinois, which was re-referred to this committee, beg leave to report that in view of the fact that another Bill on the same subject, meeting the entire approval of this committee, has been recommended for adoption, we therefore recommend that this Bill be indefinitely postponed.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 99. By Rep. Bird, of Missouri, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report pertaining to the fraternal press, have carefully considered the same and heartily endorse his splendid report and recommend that the members of The Sovereign Grand Lodge use their influence to encourage the membership of our Order to support the fraternal press in every way possible, and recommend that the same be approved.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 100. By Rep. Mahoney, of Wisconsin, from the same committee.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred Bill 20, page 492, by Past Grand Sire Pinkerton and others, beg to report that we have carefully considered said Bill and recommend that said Bill be adopted.

Signed by the Committee.

Rep. Brueck, of California, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE 1.

Resolved, That paragraph 4 of Section 3, Article 1, Constitution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, reading:

"4. To determine the qualifications for membership in the Order; provided, that no person shall be admitted to the Order except free white males of good moral character who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, further, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the Continent of North America in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualifications as to age shall be left to such Grand Lodges. No hotel-keeper, licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order," be amended by striking out the words after the words "provided, further," in the fifth line to the end of the sentence in line 8, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "That

in Jurisdictions in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualifications as to age shall be left to such Grand Lodges, conditioned that the age qualification shall in no event be under eighteen years," so that, when so amended, said paragraph will read as follows:

"4. To determine the qualifications for membership in the Order; provided, that no person shall be admitted to the Order except free white males of good moral character who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, further, that in Jurisdictions in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualifications as to age shall be left to such Grand Lodges, conditioned that the age qualification shall in no event be under eighteen years. No hotel-keeper, licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this order."

Signed by Representatives from Four Grand Bodies.

Rep. Mahoney, of Wisconsin, laid on the table the folowing proposed amendment to the Constitution:

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE 1.

Resolved, That Sub-section 4 of Section 3 of Article 1 of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution reading as follows:

"4. To determine the qualifications for membership in the Order: provided that no person shall be admitted to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years and who believe in a Supreme Being, Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, further, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualifications as to age shall be left to such Grand Lodges. No hotel-keeper, licensed to sell intoxicating liquor, saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order," be, and the same is, hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty-one" where it appears in the third line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "eighteen" so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

"4. To determine the qualifications for membership in the Order; provided that no person shall be admitted to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, further, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualification as to age shall be left to such Grand Lodges. No hotel-keeper licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order."

Signed by Representatives from Four Grand Bodies.

On motion the Body adjourned to meet at 3.30 this afternoon.

The chair accordingly declared The Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourned.

THURSDAY, September 19, 1918, 3.30 P. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment and resumed regular business, when the following telegrams were read:

TRENTON, N. J., September 19, 1918.

Wm. T. Robbins, Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

Tell Grand Sire forty answers, five hundred dollars; more every mail.

HARRY S. PINE.

BALTIMORE, MD., September 19, 1918.

Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire, St. Louis, Mo.

Maryland contribution to overseas war relief fund five hundred dollars.

WILLIAM A. JONES, *Grand Secretary.*

The Body then resumed consideration of reports as they appear on the Journal.

Report 48, page 522, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered and adopted.

Report 49, page 523, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, was considered and adopted.

Majority Report 50, page 530, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered, when Rep. Hoagland, of Nebraska, moved that Minority Report 51, page 530, be substituted for the Majority Report.

After some time spent in discussion Rep. Genevay, of Iowa, moved the previous question. When the Grand Sire asked, "Shall the main question be now put?" and the main question was ordered.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Minority Report, it was not adopted, the yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS.—Arrasmith, Ashley, Barber, Bessent, Blake, Blanchard, Bradford, Brueck, Brumfield, Carter, Cellventtra, Chandler, Christensen, Connick, Coy, Cramton, Davis, Dobson, Fischesser, Gage, Genevay, Gerlach,

Goode, Goodman, Gordon, Gracey, Greenleaf, Groves, Hamilton of Manitoba, Harrison, Haynes, Heinzeroth, Herman, Herwig, Hoagland, Horn, Horne, Ingli, Isaacs, Jenne, Kemp, Knedler, Kohner, Lane, Langley, Leedy, Logan, Louhoff, McClatchey, McKay, Mahoney, Martin, Mulcahy, Nichols, Norman, Noyes, Perry, Phelps, Purintum, Redfern, Rennard, Robertson of Idaho, Robertson of South Dakota, Rosenblatt, Roy, Selfridge, Spear, Stanchfield, Stevens, Stiefelmeyer, Strickland, Trefren, Van Tilborg, Varnum, Wagner, Walker of Oregon, Warham, Weaver, Weed, Wells, Williams, Wolverton, Wood, Woodard.—Total 84.

Nays.—Addison, Allison, Anderson, Armstrong, Arnold, Avery, Barrette, Barrow, Baumes, Belcher, Billstein, Bird, Bodenhamer, Boggess, Breith, Brooks, Brown, Brumbaugh, Bryant, Burlingame, Bushnell, Canfield, Chapman, Cilley, Connally, Cooper, Cranston, Davidson, Eastin, Edgers, Emerson, Emmins, Fahl, Falk, Field, Fine, Foster, Haliburton, Hamilton of Missouri, Hanger, Harrigfeld, Hartley, Heiston, Hill, Hollister, Hutchison, Judge, Kehlhof, Kennedy, King, Kingsbury, Krenning, Laidlaw, Lemarr, Lewis, Lindsay, Lowe, McArthur, McCorvie, McKinnon, McLean, Macbeth, Mayne, Merrill, Merritt, Millan, Milum, Minter, Mohr, Muir, Munro, Pardee, Parker of New York, Parker of Alberta, Parks, Parsons of Maine, Parsons of Maryland, Paulson, Peabody, Pearce, Pergau, Pierce of Ohio, Pierce of Massachusetts, Poll, Pond, Pope, Potter, Rinehart, Robbins, Roderick, Rognlie, Ruggles, Scupholm, Shaw of Oklahoma, Shirah, Sillers, Simpson of Kentucky, Simpson of West Virginia, Smith, Spears, Thompson, Toward, Trautmann, Walker of Vermont, Walsh, Washington, Watson, Whitesides, Whitman, Wilson, Woodruff.—Total 111.

The question recurring on Majority Report 50, it was adopted.

Report 52, page 531, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, was considered and adopted.

Report 53, page 531, from the same committee, placing Bill 27 on its passage, was considered and the Bill adopted, all present voting yea.

Report 54, page 531, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 55, page 531, from the Committee on the State of the Order, was considered and adopted.

Report 56, page 532, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 57, page 532, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 58, page 532, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 59, page 532, from the same committee, reporting adversely on Bill 4, was called up. No action, Bill not adopted.

Report 60, page 533, from the same committee, placing Bill 1, as amended, on its passage, was considered, when Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved the Bill be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

Report 61, page 533, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 62, page 533, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 63, page 534, from the same committee reporting adversely on Bill 24 was called up. No action, Bill not adopted.

Report 64, page 534, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 66, page 535, from the Committee on Legislation, placing Bill 12, on its passage, was considered, when Rep. Stevens, of Kansas, moved to amend by inserting the words " or encampment " after the word " lodge " in the second, third and sixth lines of Sec. 187, and by inserting the words " lodge or encampment " after the word " subordinate " in the fifth line of said section, and by substituting the words " or Scribe " after the word " Secretary " in the fourth line of said section, which was agreed to, and the Bill, as amended, was adopted, all present voting yea.

Report 67, page 535, from the same committee reporting adversely on Bill 34, was called up. No action, Bill not adopted.

Report 68, page 535, from the same committee reporting adversely on Bill 33, was called up, and there being no objection this Bill was re-referred to the committee.

Report 69, page 535, from the same committee reporting adversely on Bill 31, was called up. No action, Bill not adopted.

Report 70, page 535, from the same committee reporting adversely on Bill 32, was called up.

Rep. Cellventtra, of Utah, moved to substitute the Bill for the report, when Past Grand Sire Cockrum moved the subject matter be laid upon the table, which was agreed to.

Report 71, page 535, from the same committee reporting adversely on Bill 23, was called up. Rep. Parks, of Ontario, moved the Bill be substituted for the report when Rep. Logan, of Kentucky, moved the subject matter be laid on the table, which was agreed to.

Past Grand Sire Pinkerton was called to the chair.

Report 72, page 535, from the Joint Committees on Finance and State of the Order, placing a substitute for Bill 7 on its passage, was considered, when Rep. Martin, of Idaho, offered the following amendments:

1. After the word "cents" in line 9 of Section 2, insert the words "per semi-annual term."
2. In Section 4, page 109, strike out all after the word "work" in line 7 of said Section 4, to the end of said section.
3. Insert as Section 7 the following:
Section 7. That out of the moneys raised by the assessment herein provided for the funds and investments of The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be reimbursed the $75,000.00 herein appropriated from such fund.
4. Insert as Section 8 the following:
Section 8. That the various Grand Jurisdictions be given credit on the assessment herein levied for any sums donated by such Jurisdictions under Circular 12 recently issued by the Grand Sire.
5. That the emergency clause to said Bill be numbered as Section 9.

Rep. Norman, of Colorado, moved the Body adjourn until 9 A. M. Friday, which was agreed to.

The chair accordingly declared The Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourned.

FRIDAY, September 20, 1918, 9 A. M.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Sire, Frank C. Goudy, presiding.

Present: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Sires and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

The Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Marshal, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Rev. J. A. Lucas, Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the Grand Sire, declared The Sovereign Grand Lodge open for business.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the previous meeting when it was moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with, which was agreed to.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of Report 72.

After some time spent in discussion, Rep. Mohr, of Pennsylvania, offered the following substitute for the Bill:

A BILL TO CREATE A WAR RELIEF FUND AND WAR RELIEF COMMISSION.

ARTICLE XXIIA.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge:

Sec. 1. There is hereby created a War Relief Commission to consist of the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the chairman of the Finance Committee.

Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated and made immediately available from any funds and investments of The Sovereign Grand Lodge the sum of $75,000 to be set aside to establish a special fund to be known as "The War Relief Fund," to which shall be added any funds received from voluntary contributions under Grand Sire Goudy's Circular Letter No. 12, and any other contributions secured under future appeals of the Grand Sire or the Commission or by other means from any sources.

Sec. 3. The Grand Secretary of The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall turn all such funds over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall deposit them to said "War Relief Fund" and shall be paid out by him as ordered by said War Relief Commission.

Sec. 4. That all branches of the Order, Grand and subordinate, shall be permitted to make appeals to its members for voluntary contributions, to hold meetings or entertainments in the name of the Order for the purpose of raising money to be appropriated to the Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association and other organizations recognized by military authority and to appropriate money from their contingent funds towards helping these organizations in their actual war activities.

Sec. 5. That the War Relief Commission may administer and expend the "War Relief Fund" as it may deem most advisable and effective for the benefit of the fraternity and its membership and to aid such organizations as are maintained and operated under the military authority of the United States Government or its Allies, for the purpose of extending relief, providing entertainment and giving aid and comfort to the men in every branch of the military and naval service wherever it may be required.

Sec. 6. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and in the spirit of Odd Fellowship this law shall become operative immediately upon its passage.

After some time spent in discussion, Rep. Emerson, of New Hampshire, moved the previous question. When the Grand Sire asked, "Shall the main question be now put?" and the main ques- was ordered.

The question recurring on the adoption of the substitute Bill of Rep. Mohr, it was adopted, all members present voting yea.

The following telegram was received:

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, Sept. 19, 1918.
Hon. Frank C. Goudy, Grand Sire, I. O. O. F., St. Louis, Mo.:
Pikes Peak Lodge, No. 38, I. O. O. F., Colorado Springs, Colorado, tonight subscribed fifty dollars in conformity with appeal made in your Circular Letter No. 12. S. E. NICHOLS, Secretary.

Resolution 25. Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved the following, for which he asked immediate consideration:

WHEREAS, There have been candidates initiated under the provision of Circular Letter of the Grand Sire, No. 8, whose standing in the Order may be hereafter questioned, and it being the desire of the body that no injustice be done to such brother; be it, therefore
Resolved, That The Sovereign Grand Lodge does hereby confirm and ratify the membership of all persons initiated into the Order under the provisions of the Circular Letter above referred to, and this ratification shall extend to any and all such initiations up to November 1, 1918, and the incoming Grand Sire is hereby directed to immediately promulgate by appropriate means the action of this Grand Body.

The question being on the resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. Weaver, of North Carolina, moved that speeches be limited to five minutes, which was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Report 83, page 552, from the Committee on the State of the Order, placing Bill 2, as amended on its passage, was considered.

After some time spent in discussion Rep. Parker, of New York, moved the previous question. When the Grand Sire asked, "Shall the main question be now put?" and the main question was ordered.

The question recurring on the adoption of Bill 2, as amended, it was adopted, the yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS.—Addison, Anderson, Armstrong, Arrasmith, Ashley, Avery, Baker, Barber, Barrette, Barrow, Baumes, Belt, Bessent, Blake, Blanchard, Bodenhamer, Bowers, Bradford, Breith, Brooks, Brown, Brumbaugh, Brumfield, Bryant, Burlingame, Canfield, Chandler, Christensen, Cilley, Connick, Cramton, Cranston, Davidson, Dobson, Edgers, Emerson,

Emmins, Fahl, Falk, Field, Fine, Fischesser, Foster, Gage, Genevay, Gerlach, Glass, Goode, Goodman, Gordon, Gracey, Greenleaf, Groves, Haliburton, Hamilton of Manitoba, Hanger, Harrison, Haynes, Heinzeroth, Heiston, Herman, Herwig, Hill, Hoagland, Hollister, Horne of Idaho, Ingli, Isaacs, Jenne, Judge, Kemp, King, Kingsbury, Knedler, Krenning, Laidlaw, Lane, Langley, Leedy, Lemarr, Lewis, Lindsay, Logan, Lowe, McArthur, McClatchey, McCorvie, McKinnon, McLean, Macbeth, Mahoney, Martin, Mayne, Merrill, Merritt, Millan, Milum, Minter, Mohr, Muir, Mulcahy, Norman, Noyes, Oliver, Pardee, Parker of New York, Parker of Alberta, Parks, Parsons of Maine, Parsons of Maryland, Paulson, Peabody, Pearce, Perry, Phelps, Pierce of Ohio, Poll, Pope, Potter, Purintum, Rennard, Robbins, Robertson of Idaho, Robertson of South Dakota, Roderick, Rognlie, Rosenblatt, Roy, Scupholm, Selfridge, Shaw of Oklahoma, Sillers, Simpson of Kentucky, Simpson of West Virginia, Skeen, Smith, Spear, Spears, Stanchfield, Stevens, Stiefelmeyer, Strickland, Thompson, Toward, Trautmann, Trefren, Van Tilborg, Varnum, Wagner, Walker of Oregon, Walker of Vermont, Walsh, Warham, Washington, Weaver, Weed, Wells, Whitesides, Whitman, Williams, Wilson, Wolverton, Wood, Woodard, Woodruff.—Total 165.

NAYS.—Allison, Arnold, Belcher, Billstein, Bird, Brueck, Bushnell, Carter, Cellventtra, Chapman, Connally, Coy, Davis, Eastin, Hamilton of Missouri, Harrigfeld, Hartley, Horn of Illinois, Hutchison, Kennedy, Kohner, Louhoff, Munro, Nichols, Pergau, Pierce of Massachusetts, Pond, Redfern, Rinehart, Ruggles, Shirah, Watson.—Total 32.

Rep. Simpson, of West Virginia, announced the receipt of check of $25 from Tygarts Valley Encampment, No. 28, of the Jurisdiction of West Virginia, for the War Relief Fund.

Rep. Leedy, of Indiana, moved that the record of the vote on Bill 16, page 462, be made to show two-thirds of the members present voting yea, which was agreed to.

Report 73, page 538, from the Joint Committees on Finance and State of the Order, was considered and adopted.

Report 75, page 548, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

Report 76, page 549, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 77, page 549, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 78, page 549, from the Committee on Odd Fellows' Homes was considered and adopted.

Report 79, page 550, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was considered and adopted.

Report 80, page 551, from the Committee on Joint Installation Ceremony, was considered, when Rep. Trautmann, of New York, moved that the last paragraph be stricken from the report, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

Report 81, page 551, from the Committee on the Patriarchal Branch of the Order, was considered and adopted.

Report 82, page 551, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, was considered and adopted.

Report 84, page 552, from the Committee on State of the Order, was considered and adopted.

Report 85, page 553, from the same committee, placing Bill 19 on its passage, was considered and the Bill adopted, all present voting yea except Reps. Coy and Hoagland, of Nebraska, and Reps. Brueck, Connick, Harrison and Kohner, of California, who voted nay.

Report 86, page 553, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 87, page 553, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, was considered and adopted.

Report 88, page 554, from the Special Committee on Courtesies, was considered and adopted by a standing vote.

Report 89, page 554, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

Report 90, page 555, from the Joint Committees on Finance and State of the Order, was considered and adopted.

Report 91, page 555, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

Report 92, page 555, from the Committee on Patriarchs Militant, was considered and adopted.

Report 93, page 556, from the same committee reporting adversely on Bill 26 was called up. No action, Bill not adopted.

Report 94, page 556, from the Committee on Finance, was considered and adopted.

Report 95, page 556, from the Committee on the State of the Order, reporting adversely on Bill 5, was called up. No action, Bill not adopted.

Report 96, page 556, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 97, page 556, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 98, page 557, from the same committee, reporting adversely on Bill 28 was called up. No action, Bill not adopted.

Report 99, page 557, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Report 100, page 557, from the same committee, placing Bill 20 on its passage, was considered, when Past Grand Sire Pinkerton moved to amend by inserting the words "during the present war"

after the word "may" in the second line of said Bill, which was agreed to, and the Bill, as amended, was adopted, all members present voting yea.

Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, asked unanimous consent to have the record of vote on Bill 17, page 463, made to show all members present voting yea, which was granted.

Report 101, by Rep. Thompson, of Michigan, from the Special Committee on Greeting to Association of Rebekah Assemblies, which was considered and adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Special Committee to extend felicitations to the Association of Rebekah Assemblies, would respectfully report that we have performed that duty and in so doing extended the felicitations and good wishes of this Grand Body.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 102. By Rep. Pond, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Legislation. No action, Bill not adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 22, page 493, proposing to amend Section 6 of the Code, have given careful consideration to the Bill and respectfully report that it ought not to pass.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 103. By Rep. Davis, of Illinois, from the same committee, which was considered and adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's report, page 324, entitled "Association of Rebekah Assemblies," would report that we have duly considered the same and find that no legislation is recommended and would ask that the committee be excused from any further action in the matter.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 104. By Rep. Thompson, of Michigan, from the same committee. No action, Bill not adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was re-referred the report of said committee, as found on page 536, on Bill 33, by Rep. Haynes, of Virginia, proposing to amend Sec. 322 of the Code, would respectfully report that the author of the Bill appeared before the committee, and that after the hearing, the committee would still report that we believe said proposed legislation to be inexpedient and therefore recommend that the Bill do not pass.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 105. By Rep. Weaver, of North Carolina, from the same committee, placing Bill 36 on its passage, was considered and the Bill adopted, all members present voting yea.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 36, page 547, by Rep. Hamilton, of Manitoba, proposing an amendment to Sec. 188 of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code, providing a form of certificate to conform to Sec. 187, as amended, report that they regard the proposed change as appropriate to the practical application of said section as amended, and recommend that it be placed upon its passage.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 106. By Rep. Hutchison, of Connecticut, from the same committee. No action, Bill not adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 6, page 457, by Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, proposing to add a new section to the Code of General Laws to be known as Section 637A, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to recommend that Bill be not put on its passage.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 107. By Rep. Thompson, of Michigan, from the same committee, which was considered and adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 29, page 513, by Rep. Davis, of Illinois, amending Section 3, Article 1, Chapter 1 of the Code; Bill 30, page 513, by Rep. Davis, of Illinois, to amend Sec. 6 of the Code, as amended in 1917; and Bill 37, page 548, by Rep. Herwig, of Oklahoma, to amend Sec. 369, of the Code, would report that we have given these matters most careful consideration, and believe that the subject matter is of great importance to our fraternity and would therefore recommend it be referred to a special committee of three to be appointed by the Grand Sire to serve without compensation and to report to the next session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 108. By Rep. Hutchison, of Connecticut, from the same committee, placing Bill 35 on its passage, was considered and the Bill adopted, all members present voting yea.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred Bill 35, page 547, to amend Section 361 of the Code of General Laws, by Rep. Varnum, of Colorado, have carefully considered the same, and are of the opinion that the Bill should be adopted.

We, therefore, recommend that the Bill be put on its passage.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 109. By Rep. Minter, of New Mexico, from the Committee on the Rebekah Degree. No action, Bill not adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Rebekah Degree, to whom was referred Bill 25, page 494, by Rep. Spear, of Vermont, beg leave to report as follows: We have carefully considered the measure and believe the proposed legislation to be inexpedient since it provides only for the Rebekah degree, and for the further reason that similar legislation for all branches of the Order is proposed in Bills pending. We, therefore, recommend that the Bill be not placed on its passage.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 110. By Rep. Oliver, of Ontario, from the Committee on Finance, which was considered and adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on Finance beg to submit the accompanying estimate of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1919, as follows:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS TO JULY 31, 1919.

Sale of Cards, Certificates, Odes and Books	$ 37,000.00
Representative Tax	15,450.00
Charter Fees	36.00
Dues	600.00
Rituals	4,000.00
P. M. Supplies	3,000.00
Jewels	39,000.00
Interest on Bonds and Deposits	6,500.00
Total	$105,586.00

EXPENDITURES.

Mileage and Per Diem, Session 1918	$ 28,541.40
Daily Journal	1,200.00
Journal of Proceedings	4,800.00
Odes, Cards and Diplomas	9,500.00
Books and Charts	4,000.00
Jewels and P. M. Badges	28,500.00
P. M. Supplies	800.00
Salary Grand Secretary and Adjutant General	5,000.00
Salary Assistant Grand Secretary	3,000.00
Salary Grand Treasurer	1,200.00
Salary General Commanding	3,500.00
Salary Stenographer and Bookkeeper	1,800.00
Salary Janitor and Shipping Clerk	900.00
Clerk Hire and Expenses Grand Sire	4,000.00
Miscellaneous Incidentals	1,200.00
Bonds of Grand Officers	175.00
Fuel Grand Secretary's Office	225.00
Box Rent Grand Treasurer	10.00
Office Supplies, Furniture and Fixtures	1,200.00
Duty on Supplies to Canada	800.00
Reports of Grand Officers	1,000.00
Mileage and Per Diem Committee on Printing Supplies	1,000.00
Expense Bills Session 1918	300.00
Publishing Proclamations	500.00
Painting and Repairs to Sovereign Grand Lodge Building	600.00
Mileage and Per Diem Committee on Appeals	145.00
Mileage and Per Diem Committee on Judiciary	150.00
R. H. Shanks, Official Reporter	30.00
J. K. P. Neatherry, Assistant Grand Messenger	30.00
C. J. Nash, Assistant Grand Messenger	30.00
R. S. Fletcher, Assistant Grand Guardian	30.00
H. C. Stevens, Assistant Grand Guardian	30.00
W. M. Glenn, Assistant Grand Messenger	30.00
Mrs. G. M. Wright, Proofreader	93.40
R. Hoe, Mailing Clerk	30.00
R. G. Elliott, Keeper of P. G. R. Register	30.00
G. W. Bruce, Messenger to Grand Secretary	30.00
B. Weidel, Expense Place of Meeting, St. Louis	150.00
	$104,559.80

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and Four Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-nine Dollars and Eighty Cents ($104,559.80), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the annual expenses and other authorized disbursements of The Sovereign Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in the manner, to the extent, and for the purposes thereof set out and expressed, and that the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer at such time and in such amounts as may be presented; *provided, however*, that the Grand Secretary. shall only draw his warrants for, and the Grand Treasurer shall only pay the respective sum specified as appropriated.

Signed by the Committee.

Report 111. By Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, from the Committee on the Judiciary, which was considered and adopted.

To The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred the queries of Reps. Parker of Alberta, Brown of Alberta, and Hamilton of Manitoba, as represented by Resolutions 13, 14, 21, 22 and 24, beg to report that these references reached your committee too late in the session to allow the consideration they deserve and we, therefore, recommend that they be referred to the incoming Grand Sire for his consideration.

Signed by the Committee.

Rep. Billstein, of Maryland, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE 1.

Amend paragraph 4 by inserting "and government of the people, by the people, for the people," in the fifth line of said paragraph, following the word "Universe"; and by inserting the words "and government" in the eighth line of said paragraph, following the word "age"; so that said section, paragraph 4, when amended, shall read as follows:

"4. To determine the qualifications for membership in the Order; *provided*, that no person shall be admitted to the Order except free white males of good moral character who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and government of the people, by the people, for the people; *provided, further*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualifications as to age and government shall be left to such Grand Lodges. No hotel-keeper, licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order."

Signed by Representatives from Four Grand Bodies.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge resolved itself into Secret Session.

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After some time spent in Secret Session The Sovereign Grand Lodge receded therefrom and resumed regular business.

Past Grand Sire Cockrum was called to the chair.

Resolution 26. Rep. Rennard, of West Virginia, moved the following, for which he asked immediate consideration:

Resolved, That a Past Grand Sire's jewel be procured and presented to our retiring Grand Sire, Frank C. Goudy.

The question being on the resolution, it was adopted.

Resolution 27. Rep. Bradford, of District of Columbia, moved the following, for which he asked immediate consideration:

WHEREAS, The Honorable Frank C. Goudy, just retired from the responsible position of Grand Sire, and having performed the duties of that office during the past two years in a manner to meet the commendation of his brothers generally and the approbation of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, *now, therefore*, as a token of our appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered to our Order, and in expression of our love and esteem for him as an Odd Fellow and a man, be it

Resolved, That the furniture used by him in his office as Grand Sire during the past two years, be presented to him by this Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that an oil portrait of Past Grand Sire Goudy, in keeping with those of our other Past Grand Sires, be prepared at the expense of this Sovereign Grand Lodge for our headquarters.

The question being on the resolution, it was adopted.

Grand Sire Goudy resumed the chair.

Rep. Martin, of Idaho, moved that Bill 23, page 493, which had been laid upon the table, be taken therefrom and referred to a special committee to be appointed by the incoming Grand Sire, which was agreed to.

Past Grand Sire Pinkerton was called to the chair.

The chair announced the following appointments to present Grand Officers for installation:

Henry V. Borst, by Past Grand Sire Cockrum, of Indiana, and Rep. Trautmann, of New York.

Joseph Oliver, by Reps. Eastin, of Missouri, Potter, of Kentucky, Pardee, of Arkansas.

John B. Goodwin, by Reps. Billstein, of Maryland, and Leedy, of Indiana.

William H. Cox, by Reps. Ruggles, of Massachusetts, and Hamilton, of Manitoba.

The following officers were duly installed:

Grand Sire Henry V. Borst, of New York.

Deputy Grand Sire Joseph Oliver, of Ontario.

Grand Secretary John B. Goodwin, of Maryland.

Grand Treasurer Will H. Cox, of Kentucky.

The Grand Sire and Grand Secretary announced the following appointments, which were confirmed by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the officers were regularly installed:

Grand Chaplain Rev. J. A. Lucas, of Illinois.

Grand Marshal Wm. C. Collett, of Massachusetts.

Grand Guardian Geo. W. Titus, of Kansas.

Grand Messenger E. O. Bussing, of New Jersey.

Assistant Grand Secretary J. Edw. Kroh, of Maryland.

Past Grand Sire Pinkerton retired, and Grand Sire Borst took the chair and, after addressing the Body, announced the following appointments:

Committee on Printing Supplies: Reps. Leedy, of Indiana; Trautmann, of New York; Emmins, of Texas.

Sub-Committee on Finance: Reps. Avery, of Pennsylvania; Potter, of Kentucky.

Gen. W. C. Gurney, of New York, General Commanding the Patriarchs Militant.

Special Committee on Benefits: Reps. Thompson, of Michigan; Merrill, of Maine; Billstein, of Maryland

Rep. Rinehart, of Florida, moved The Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourn *sine die,* which was agreed to.

The members united in singing the closing ode.

The Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for divine presence during the session of this Sovereign Grand Lodge in the beautiful city of St. Louis, on the banks of the Father of Waters, in the great State of Missouri.

We wish God's blessings on the sisters and brothers of this great Jurisdiction for their generous spirit in the ample provision made for the comfort and entertainment of this Body.

We have reached the adjournment hour when we must say good-bye. Some of us will never be permitted to meet these brothers again. Some of us will have entered the shores of the great beyond. Now, as we part, may each carry to his home the same sweet spirit of brotherly love that has characterized this Grand Body.

Help us to be able to meet every emergency that may arise in the interim.

Imbue us with the determination to do all in our power for our country and to do all we can to aid our Allies in winning the war in the cause of a righteous victory which means liberty to all peoples of the earth.

Especially remember our Grand Officers and Representatives. Bless our homes, our orphans and indigent sisters and brothers. May we ever diligently visit the sick and relieve distress as opportunity offers. For Thy name's sake, Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the Grand Sire, declared The Sovereign Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

John B. Goodwin

Grand Secretary.

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

(Does not include those who were present as Officers, Past Grand Sires or Grand Representatives.)

See Journal, 1870, page 4861.

1. O. E. Tisdale .....Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
2. C. J. Nash .....Denver, Colorado.
3. Owen Scott .....Decatur, Illinois.
4. Fred. B. Merrills .....Belleville, Illinois.
5. A. J. Mourer .....Eureka, Illinois.
6. George Rogers .....LaFayette, Indiana.
7. E. W. Cutting .....Decorah, Iowa.
8. Will J. Russell .....Topeka, Kansas.
9. W. M. Glenn .....Tribune, Kansas.
10. G. W. Titus .....Harper, Kansas.
11. H. C. Stevens .....Topeka, Kansas.
12. A. M. Bain .....Leavenworth, Kansas.
13. R. G. Elliott .....Lexington, Kentucky.
14. Will C. Miller .....Augusta, Maine.
15. William C. Collett .....Boston, Massachusetts.
16. H. L. McNeil .....Paw Paw, Michigan.
17. Fred. A. Rogers.....Lansing, Michigan
18. O. M. Harvey .....Webb City, Missouri.
19. Ben. Weidle .....St. Louis, Missouri.
20. J. W. Wilkerson.....Kansas City, Missouri.
21. John R. Hughes .....Macon, Missouri.
22. E. O. Bussing .....Lyndhurst, New Jersey.
23. A. R. Stocker .....Miamisburg, Ohio.
24. G. W. Bruce .....Guthrie, Oklahoma.
25. F. S. Evanson .....Kingston, Ontario, Canada.
26. Geo. M. Baird .....Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.
27. Harvey J. Rice .....Huron, South Dakota.
28. R. S. Fletcher .....Jackson, Tennessee.
29. Thomas Cottle .....Green River, Wyoming.

APPENDIX

LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE S. G. L. CODE OF 1915

NEW SECTIONS.

A Bill to Create a War Relief Fund and War Relief Commission.

ARTICLE XXIIA.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge:

Section 1. There is hereby created a War Relief Commission to consist of the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the chairman of the Finance Committee.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated and made immediately available from any funds and investments of The Sovereign Grand Lodge the sum of $75,000 to be set aside to establish a special fund to be known as "The War Relief Fund," to which shall be added any funds received from voluntary contributions under Grand Sire Goudy's Circular Letter No. 12, and any other contributions secured under future appeals of the Grand Sire or the Commission or by other means from any sources.

Section 3. The Grand Secretary of The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall turn all such funds over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall deposit them to said "War Relief Fund" and shall be paid out by him as ordered by said War Relief Commission.

Section 4. That all branches of the Order, Grand and subordinate, shall be permitted to make appeals to its members for voluntary contributions, to hold meetings or entertainments in the name of the Order for the purpose of raising money to be appropriated to the Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association and other organizations recognized by military authority and to appropriate money from their contingent funds towards helping these organizations in their actual war activities.

Section 5. That the War Relief Commission may administer and expend the "War Relief Fund" as it may deem most advisable and effective for the benefit of the Fraternity and its membership and to aid such organizations as are maintained and operated under the military authority of the United States Government or its Allies, for the purpose of extending relief, providing entertainment and giving aid and comfort to the men in every branch of the military and naval service wherever it may be required.

Section 6. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and in the spirit of Odd Fellowship this law shall become operative immediately upon its passage.—Journal, page 564.

A Bill to Provide for the Appropriation of Funds by Subordinate Bodies for the Benefit of the Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association, and Other Activities Recognized by the Military Authority.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That any subordinate body of this Order may, during the present war, appropriate from its contingent fund, money for the benefit of the Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association and other activities recognized by the military authority.—Journal, pages 492, 557, 568.

Fixing Prices of Supplies.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That the selling price of the following supplies by this Body through the office of the Grand Secretary thereof shall from and after November 1, 1918, be as follows, to wit:

Official Certificate Books	$ 0.50
Official Certificate Books, imprinted, mailed direct to subordinate bodies	.65
Official Certificate Books, imprinted, to Grand Secretaries	.60
Veteran Jewels	8.00
Rebekah Veteran Jewels, small, plated	3.00
Rebekah Veteran Jewels, 10k. gold, small	7.00
Rebekah Veteran Jewels, large, plated	4.00
Past President's Jewel	45.00
Past Grand Officers' Jewels	33.00
Honorable Veteran Jewel, No. 1	45.00
Honorable Veteran Jewel, No. 2	25.00
Grand Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 1	12.00
Grand Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 2	14.00
Grand Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 3	18.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 7	5.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 8	8.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 9	11.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 10	13.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 11	16.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 12	25.00
Decoration of Chivalry Jewel, No. 13	35.00
Cipher Books, all branches	.40

—Journal, pages 462, 566.

New Watch Charm Veteran Jewel.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That a new watch charm veteran jewel be adopted, of the following design, to wit: A shield of fourteen karat gold, crowned by the three links with appropriate ornamentation, upon the face of which is attached a facsimile of the veteran jewel in enamel, about five-eighths of an inch in diameter, the back of said jewel to be plain to admit an appropriate engraving.—Journal, pages 463, 569.

Section 319A.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That the following section be added to the Code to be numbered 319A.

"Section 319A. Any Rebekah Assembly which has created or shall hereafter create by authority of the Grand Lodge of its Jurisdiction

a contingent fund, as provided by Section 319, of the Code, may, in its discretion, use such part of such contingent fund as may be necessary to pay the expense of delegates to meetings of The Association of Rebekah Assemblies, and to meet its proportionate share of the expense of such Assemblies or Association."—Journal, pages 491, 500, 541.

SECTION 373A.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, There is hereby added to the Code of General Laws of the I. O. O. F. a new section to be known as Section 373A, as follows:

Section 373A. The Language in which Subordinate Bodies may Work. No Grand Body shall hereafter authorize any subordinate or Rebekah lodge or any subordinate encampment on the Continent of North America to work in any other than the English language.

On or before June 30, 1919, all subordinate and Rebekah lodges and all subordinate encampments on the Continent of North America, working in any other than the English language, shall surrender their rituals in exchange for rituals printed in the English language (which shall be furnished by The Sovereign Grand Lodge without charge), and after December 31, 1919, all the work and business of such lodges and encampments shall be conducted in the English language.—Journal, pages 455, 552, 565, 566.

AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS.

SECTION 187.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 187 of the S. G. L. Code be amended to read as follows:

"Section 187. Certificate to Member of Subordinate. Whenever a member of a subordinate lodge or encampment shall be required to have a certificate of his rank and standing in such lodge or encampment as a pre-requisite to membership in any other branch of the Order the Recording Secretary or Scribe of such subordinate lodge or encampment shall upon request issue a certificate showing the rank and standing of the member in his lodge or encampment."—Journal, pages 461, 535, 561.

SECTION 188.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 188 of the Code be amended by striking out the word "scarlet" so that the section, when amended, will read as follows:

"Section 188. Form. The certificate prescribed by the preceding section shall not be required to be in any particular form, but any language that will set forth the facts required to be stated by said section shall be sufficient. The following shall be regarded as sufficient:

Hall of ..... Lodge, No. ....., I. O. O. F.

....., 19....

This is to certify that Brother ..... is a member of the ..... degree of this lodge in good standing."—Journal, pages 547, 570.

SECTION 361.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 361 of the Code of General Laws, I. O. O. F., be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 361. May Frame and Adopt Constitutions and Amendments Thereto. Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall have the right

to frame their own organic laws and to alter and amend the same from time to time. But no Constitution or other organic law, or any alteration thereof or amendment thereto shall be effective until approved by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, or by the Deputy Grand Sire, acting on its behalf. The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have power to direct a Grand Body to remove any provision from its Constitution in conflict with the fundamental laws of the Order, although such Constitution may have been approved."—Journal, pages 547, 571.

SECTION 684.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 684 of the Code of General Laws of The Sovereign Grand Lodge be amended by changing "$4500" in line three thereof to "$5000," so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

"Section 684. Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall receive for his services as Grand Secretary and as Adjutant General of the Patriarchs Militant the sum of $5000 per year. In addition thereto he shall be allowed mileage for attendance upon the sessions of The Sovereign Grand Lodge at the same rate and to be fixed in the same manner as the mileage of Representatives."—Journal, pages 460, 519, 543.

SECTION 685.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 685 of the Code of General Laws of the I. O. O. F., be amended by changing "$2400" in line three thereof to read: "$3000," so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

"Section 685. Assistant Grand Secretary. The Assistant Grand Secretary shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of $3000 per year. In addition thereto he shall be allowed mileage for attendance upon the sessions of The Sovereign Grand Lodge at the same rate and to be fixed in the same manner as the mileage of Representatives."—Journal, pages 460, 519, 543.

SECTIONS 733 AND 734.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That the anniversary of the Order may be observed by all branches of the Order on April 26 (or on April 25 or April 27, if April 26 falls on Sunday), or on the day or night of the regular session of the subordinate body observing such anniversary immediately preceding or immediately subsequent to the twenty-sixth day of April, or on such other days between April 15 and May 15 as the Grand Master (or the executive officer of other departments of the Order) of the Jurisdiction may designate by proclamation or special dispensation."—Journal, pages 491, 553, 567.

SECTION 121, P. M. CODE.

Be it enacted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge, That Section 121 P. M. Code on the subject of Decoration of Chivalry, be amended by adding the additional qualifications required for the wife of a chevalier to receive such Decoration, by adding, after the words "Department in good standing," in third line, the words: "Provided also that the lady be a member of a Rebekah lodge," making such section read as follows:

Section 121. A Department Council may order the Decoration of Chivalry to be conferred upon the wife of a chevalier in good standing,

of a canton in the Department in good standing, provided also that the lady be a member in good standing of a Rebekah lodge, or annually upon a lady member of a Rebekah lodge for each fifty members or major fractional part thereof, and one for any Rebekah lodge having less than twenty-five members in good standing; *provided*, that before a Department Council can legally pass upon the recommendation from a Rebekah lodge said recommendation must first receive an endorsement of approval from the canton nearest in location to said Rebekah lodge."—Journal, pages 512, 531, 560.

CONSTRUCTION OF SECTIONS.

War Legislation—Article XXII.

Persons in Military Service. The personnel of the military and naval forces of the United States is defined by Section 101, Act of Congress, known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, approved March 8, 1918, as follows:

"Section 101. That the term 'persons in military service,' as used in this act, shall include the following persons and no others: All officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, the Regular Army Reserve, the Officers' Reserve Corps, and the Enlisted Reserve Corps; all officers and enlisted men of the National Guard and National Guard Reserve recognized by the Militia Bureau of the War Department; all forces raised under the Act entitled 'An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States,' approved May eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen; all officers and enlisted men of the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard; all officers and enlisted men of the Naval Militia, Naval Reserve Force, Marine Corps Reserve, and National Naval Volunteers recognized by the Navy Department; all officers of the Public Health Service detailed by the Secretary of the Treasury for duty either with the Army or the Navy; any of the personnel of the Lighthouse Service and of the Coast and Geodetic Survey transferred by the President to the service and jurisdiction of the War Department or of the Navy Department; members of the Nurse Corps; Army field clerks; field clerks, Quartermaster Corps; civilian clerks and employees on duty with the military forces detailed for service abroad in accordance with provisions of existing law; and members of any other body who have heretofore or may hereafter become a part of the military or naval forces of the United States. The term 'military service,' as used in this definition, shall signify active service in any branch of service heretofore mentioned or referred to, but reserves and persons on the retired list shall not be included in the term 'persons in military service' until ordered to active service. The term 'active service' shall include the period during which a person in military service is absent from duty on account of sickness, wounds, leave, or other lawful cause."—Journal, pages 315, 475, 484.

Applies to Lodges under Immediate Jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge. Article XXII of the Code is applicable to all lodges of the Order, whether they be under the immediate jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge or under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge.—Journal, pages 311, 475, 484.

Applies to All Branches of the Order. The war legislation adopted by The Sovereign Grand Lodge applies to all branches of the Order. Therefore a member of a Rebekah lodge while serving in the military or naval

service cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues.—Journal, pages 307, 475, 484.

Applies to Soldiers in Training. Article XXII of the Code is applicable to soldiers and sailors from the time they enter the service of their respective countries, whether such service be in training camps at home or overseas.—Journal, pages 312, 475, 484.

Soldiers in Service of Our Allies. The war legislation applies to soldiers and sailors whether in the service of the country in which the lodge is located or in the service of one of the Allies of such country, therefore a Grand Lodge may lawfully enact legislation providing for the payment of the dues and benefits of those of its members who are in the military or naval service of any of the Allies of the country in which it is located.—Journal, pages 310, 475, 484.

A member of a lodge or encampment in the United States or Canada who joins the military or naval forces of England or of any of the Allies of the country in which his lodge or encampment is located, is entitled to all of the benefits and privileges accorded by law to any other soldier member of the Order.—Journal, pages 308, 475, 484.

Remission of Dues not Legal. Article XXII of the Code does not authorize a Grand Encampment to provide that its subordinate encampments may remit the dues of members engaged in the military service of their country. The provisions of Article XXII must be followed.—Journal, pages 316, 475, 484.

Payment of Dues of Soldier Members. If a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment does not make provision for the raising of a fund for the payment of dues of soldier members, the dues of such members must be charged up against them until such time as provision may be made for their payment, but such charging of dues cannot in any event cause such member to become non-beneficial if he was already in the service and was beneficial September 21, 1917, or if he entered the service after September 21, 1917, and was beneficial at the time he entered the service. If he was already in the service and was non-beneficial, by reason of being in arrears on September 21, 1917, or if he entered the service after September 21, 1917, and was non-beneficial, by reason of being in arrears at the time of entering the service, he could not be dropped from membership but would remain non-beneficial until restored to beneficial membership by the payment of such arrearage. He would have the right to pay such arrearage at any time and would become beneficial thereafter in accordance with the laws of his Grand Jurisdiction.—Journal, pages 308, 475, 484.

Back Dues of Soldier Member. The war legislation of 1917 provides that "No member of the Order, while hereafter serving in the military or naval forces, shall be suspended for non-payment of dues, or lose any right or privilege which he now has." Under this law a member automatically holds the same *status* in the Order which he had at the time of his entry into the military service. If he was beneficial at that time he remains beneficial during his term of military service. If he was in arrears to such an extent as to be non-beneficial he must remain non-beneficial, unless he restores himself to beneficial membership, in the same manner as though he had not entered the military service. At any rate, his dues prior to the date of his entry into such military

service and for the period elapsing between his entry into the military service and September 21, 1917, the date when such war legislation became effective, must be paid by the brother, himself, or by some one for him, but not in any event by the lodge or by authority of the war legislation of 1917.—Journal, pages 317, 475, 484.

Dues of Discharged Soldier. When a soldier is discharged from the military or naval service, and the Grand Lodge has been paying his dues from a special fund raised for that purpose, the liability of the Grand Lodge ceases upon his discharge.—Journal, pages 318, 475, 484.

Dues of Rebekah Members in Military Service. Members of a Rebekah lodge who are in the military service are not exempt from paying dues. If they do not pay dues they cannot be D. N. P., and in that case the dues will be charged against them, and will stand after the war as unpaid dues unless further legislation be enacted in relation to the subject. The Rebekah lodge of which such persons are members must pay per capita taxes to the Rebekah Assembly, unless otherwise provided by local legislation.—Journal, pages 320, 495, 502.

Not Compulsory to Raise Fund. Article XXII of the Code does not require the actual raising of money for the payment of dues of soldier members. Grand Lodges and lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge are given the authority to raise money for that purpose, but such action is not compulsory. The second clause of such legislation is, however, compulsory, and "No member of the Order while serving in the military or naval forces shall be suspended for non-payment of dues or lose any right or privilege he now has."—Journal, pages 312, 475, 484.

Who Entitled to Benefits, A member of the Order, who is in good standing at the time of entering the military or naval service, and who has entered into such service since September 21, 1917, is entitled to the benefits of the war legislation, and if beneficial at the time of his entering such service he must be retained as a beneficial member until the close of the war or until he leaves such service.—Journal, pages 311, 475, 484.

Subordinate Bodies May Reduce or Abolish Benefits. The provision of the war legislation to the effect that "No member of the Order while hereafter serving in the military or naval forces shall be suspended for non-payment of dues, or lose any right or privilege which he now has," does not mean that a subordinate lodge cannot reduce the amount of benefits payable to its members; nor does it mean that a Grand Encampment is prohibited from abolishing payment of pecuniary benefits by its subordinate encampments. If such action is taken, a soldier member still retains all of his rights and privileges as a member of his subordinate body. A Grand Encampment may, therefore, provide that pecuniary benefits shall not be paid by any of its subordinate encampments, and such legislation shall apply to soldier members as well as to other members.—Journal, pages 311, 475, 484.

Benefits, How Long to be Paid by Grand Lodge. A member of the Order, engaged in the military or naval service, who is taken sick, and by reason of such illness discharged from such service, but who still remains sick, as sickness is defined by the laws of our Order, should be paid benefits until the end of such sickness; and in case a Grand Lodge

has assessed its members for the purpose of establishing a fund for the payment of benefits to soldier and sailor members, such benefits should be charged against said fund.—Journal, pages 313, 475, 484.

Benefits to Soldiers in Government Hospitals. Article XXII of the Code does not change the law providing that benefits shall be paid to soldiers or sailors in goverment hospitals.—Journal, pages 312, 475, 484.

Reinstatement of Member Previously Dropped for N. P. D. The war legislation has nothing whatever to do with the reinstatement of a member who had been previously dropped for non-payment of dues. A Grand Lodge has no authority to instruct its Grand Secretary to change his records and restore such brother to membership.—Journal, pages 329, 550, 567.

Notice to Soldier Members Before D. N. P. The action of a lodge attempting to drop a member after having joined the military forces of one of the Allies of the United States for non-payment of dues, prior to the adoption of Article XXII of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code and not serving notice in accordance with the local law, the Secretary not knowing his address, was void. The fact that the Secretary did not know the address and that the member was "somewhere in France" did not excuse the failure to give the notice required by the law. Since the adoption of Section 22 of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code (1917 Journal, page 247) the member cannot be dropped during this war, and the member's name must be replaced on the rolls of the lodge and retain the same standing therein as if no action had been attempted by the lodge to drop him. If the member should be restored to good standing he is thereafter entitled to all the rights and privileges accorded by law to any other soldier member.—Journal, pages 308, 497, 502.

Honors of Office. That portion of the War Legislation providing that officers of the Order "shall be excused for failure to attend any meeting when such failure is due to their service in the military or naval forces" does not authorize the giving of the honors of office to a member in the military or naval service who has not been regularly installed in his office.—Journal, pages 312, 475, 484.

Vice Grand Will Perform Duties of Noble Grand. Under the war legislation where a Noble Grand enters the military or naval service, the records of the lodge should show that he is thereby excused from further attendance, and in the interim the Vice Grand will perform the duties of the Noble Grand as in any other case of the absence of the Noble Grand. The law does not authorize the election of a Noble Grand until the term of office of the soldier member has expired.—Journal, pages 320, 475, 484.

Honors of Office for Soldier Officers in Subordinate Lodge. The war legislation of 1917 (p. 247) provides that an officer of a lodge or encampment will not forfeit the honors of his office because of his enforced absence in the military service. If, therefore, an officer who has been installed into office is required to be absent in performance of his military duties, the proper course for the lodge to pursue is to let that fact appear upon the minutes, and show that the brother is excused from attendance by reason of his absence in the military service. If such officer be the Noble Grand of the lodge, the Vice Grand will thereafter

fill the chair, as in other cases of absence of the Noble Grand. It would not be proper for the lodge to elect another member as Noble Grand.—Journal, pages 317, 475, 484.

SECTIONS 1 AND 376.

Suspension of Lodge, Rights of Members. When a Grand Lodge suspends a subordinate lodge for 90 days, and such suspension was legal and within the power of the Grand Lodge, then during such period dues of members would not accrue and sick members would not be entitled to benefits.—Journal, pages 309, 475, 484.

SECTIONS 1, 3 AND 6.

Payment of Sick Benefits. The amendments to Sections 1, 3 and 6 of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code (Journal, 1917, p. 249) are permissive in their character. These amendments give to Grand Lodges the power of "abolishing weekly benefits after the payment of fifty-two weeks' benefits, or authorizing the subordinates of such Grand Bodies to abolish weekly benefits after the payment of fifty-two weeks' benefits."

After the adoption of the above amendments a Grand Lodge adopting a Constitution for subordinate lodges, providing: "but which benefits shall not be less than two dollars a week for the first year," makes it optional with a subordinate lodge to pay or not to pay benefits after the payment of fifty-two weeks' benefits.

A by-law of a subordinate lodge, adopted prior to the adoption of the above Constitution for subordinate lodges, and providing for the payment of one dollar per week after the payment of fifty-two weeks' benefits, remains in force.—Journal, pages 319, 475, 484.

Payment of Sick Benefits. The Constitution for subordinate lodges of a Grand Lodge, adopted in October, 1917, providing: "Every member . . . . shall receive . . . . but which benefits shall not be less than two dollars a week for the first year," and by-laws of a subordinate lodge in the same Jurisdiction provides: "Every member . . . . shall receive . . . . and one dollar per week thereafter during the continuance of the illness." A member of the said subordinate lodge, who has already been paid fifty-two weeks' sick benefits, is still entitled to draw benefits at the rate of one dollar per week.—Journal, pages 319, 475, 484.

SECTION 2.

Benefits. When a Grand Lodge has adopted legislation permitting its subordinate lodges to limit the benefits paid by such subordinate lodges to fifty-two weeks in accordance with the legislation of The Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1917, page 249, and a subordinate lodge changes its by-laws so as to limit the payment of benefits to fifty-two weeks, such legislation will apply to brothers who were on the sick list at the time of the adoption of such by-laws, and if they have received benefits for fifty-two weeks for the same sickness, their right to further benefits will immediately cease.—Journal, pages 307, 522, 559.

SECTION 3.

Benefits After 52 Weeks' Payment. The expression "fifty-two weeks' benefits" means fifty-two weeks' benefits for one sickness. If the brother should be again afflicted by a sickness distinct from the one

for which he had received the fifty-two weeks' benefit, he would be entitled to benefits the same as though he had never before received benefits; *provided*, his standing was such as to entitle him to benefits under the local law.—Journal, pages 319, 521, 544.

SECTION 6.

Benefits. The amendment to Section 6 of the Code of General Laws, adopted in 1917, is applicable to lodges working under the immediate jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, so that such subordinate lodges now have the authority to abolish weekly benefits after fifty-two weeks, if such subordinate lodges so desire.—Journal, pages 312, 475, 484.

SECTIONS 85, 166, 170.

Withdrawal Cards Issued by Grand Bodies. The Sovereign Grand Lodge Code (Section 166) fixes the price of the dismissal certificate at one dollar.

In Section 85 it provides that Grand Bodies may prescribe the fee that shall be charged for a withdrawal card.

Section 170 provides for the issuance by Grand Bodies of withdrawal cards under certain circumstances to members of defunct lodges.

Under these circumstances, Grand Lodges have the power to prescribe the fee that shall be charged for withdrawal card when such card is issued to a member of a defunct lodge.—Journal, pages 314, 475, 484.

SECTIONS 96 AND 97.

Withdrawal Card, Deposit of. A brother holding an expired withdrawal card cannot regain membership in the lodge granting the same by reinstatement, but shall be permitted to apply for membership by deposit of such card at the place of his residence upon such terms and the payment of such fee as the laws may require.—Journal, pages 310, 475, 484.

SECTIONS 109, 121, 124, 500.

Rebekah Lodge, Non-Contributing Member, Visiting Card for.—The law provides (Journal, 1913, pp. 427-444) that a member of a Rebekah lodge who has become sixty years of age, and has been a contributing member for twenty-five consecutive years, may not be dropped for non-payment of dues but must be retained as a non-contributing member.

Such a member is "entitled to the passwords and fellowship of lodges and shall have all the privileges of active members." Such a member may be granted a visiting card, as provided for in the Code, Sections 109-121-124.—Journal, pages 316, 475, 484.

SECTION 137.

Official Certificates Issued by Mistake. When an official certificate is issued to a member stating, by mistake, that dues are paid to a date later than such dues are actually paid, the lodge is not bound by the receipt and the member should pay the dues as though such mistake had not occurred.—Journal, pages 307, 475, 484.

SECTION 159.

Transfer Certificate Not Applicable Unless Member Changes Residence. The Transfer Certificate Law does not apply to the case of a member

who desires to withdraw from one lodge or encampment and to join another lodge or encampment, unless such member changes his place of residence, as provided therein.—Journal, pages 312, 475, 484.

SECTION 160.

Standing of Holder of Transfer Certificate After Expiration of Period Covered by Advanced Payment of Dues. If the holder of a transfer certificate becomes sick or disabled so as to be entitled to benefits during the period covered by the advanced payment of dues to the body granting the certificate, the certificate is *ipso facto* cancelled; but if no such sickness or disability intervenes the right to complete membership in the new body by depositing the certificate and signing the constitution continues without limit as to time. The standing of the holder of such certificate after the expiration of the period covered by the advanced payment of dues is the same as a non-beneficial member of the body granting the certificate and he can become a beneficial member in the new body only by completing his membership therein and in accordance with its laws.—Journal, pages 306, 474, 484.

SECTIONS 229 AND 230.

Conferring Encampment Degrees. An encampment may have all the degrees, including the Patriarchal, conferred on its candidates by a different encampment in another city, provided they proceed in accordance with the law prescribed in Sections 229 and 230 of the Code.—Journal, pages 306, 475, 484.

SECTION 289.

Special Assessments, how Charged and Collected. When a lodge provides for the levying of a special assessment, the law requires that such assessment shall be charged and collected "as dues." If a member of such lodge fails to pay such assessment, but has paid his dues in advance so that the amount of money paid by him "as dues" is greater than the amount of accrued dues and assessments, such brother is not in arrears. The assessment having been charged "as dues," and the brother having paid a sufficient amount "as dues" to meet both "dues" and "assessments," it follows that the amount of dues paid by the brother, and which was paid by him for the purpose of keeping himself in good standing, should be applied to the payment of both dues and assessments.—Journal, pages 316, 475, 484.

SECTION 315.

Funds, Entertainment Funds Under Control of Lodge. Whenever "Sunshine Funds" or "Entertainment Funds" or any other funds of like character are established by subordinate or Rebekah lodges or encampments, whether such funds are established from voluntary contributions, from receipts from entertainments, or in whatever similar maner, such funds should always be under the control of the lodge, but all such funds may be administered as the lodge may direct unless the by-law establishing such fund has limited the expenditure to specific purposes, in which case, of course, the expenditure must be in accordance with the by-law.—Journal, pages 314, 475, 484.

Funds, Relief of Widow. It is a legitimate use of the funds of the Order to vote a donation of a reasonable amount for the relief of the widow of an Odd Fellow who died while in good standing.—Journal, pages 309, 475, 484.

SECTION 316.

Entertainment Fund—How Expended. An entertainment fund raised entirely by voluntary contribution or entertainment given for that purpose, may be expended without restriction except as limited by Section 316 of the Code. If the lodge surrenders its charter, this money should be turned over with the other funds of the lodge.—Journal, pages 310, 475, 484.

Funds, Red Cross. It is not a legitimate use of the funds of an Odd Fellows' lodge or encampment to vote money for a donation to the Red Cross.—Journal, pages 309, 475, 484.

Funds Raised in Name of the Order, Red Cross. It is not proper for a lodge or for its members to hold a meeting or entertainment in the name of the Order for the purpose of raising money to be donated to the Red Cross and present the same as coming from the Order.—Journal, pages 309, 475, 484.

Funds, Red Cross. It is not a legitimate use of the contingent fund of an Odd Fellows' or Rebekah lodge or encampment, to vote money from such contingent fund as a donation to the Red Cross.—Journal, pages 312, 475, 484.

SECTION 319.

Contingent Fund. Interest received by a lodge from its investments is a part of the income of the lodge, and under Section 319 of the Code authorizing lodges "to set aside not exceeding 10 per cent of their income from all sources as a contingent fund," not more than 10 per cent of such interest can be applied to the contingent fund.—Journal, pages 318, 475, 484.

As the law now stands with relation to Rebekah lodges, the Grand Lodges have power to authorize Rebekah lodges "to set aside 5 per cent of their receipts for dues as a contingent fund." Rebekah lodges are not authorized to establish the above contingent funds unless specific authority for that purpose has been granted by the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction. The granting of authority to subordinate lodges to establish contingent funds does not authorize the establishment of such contingent funds by Rebekah lodges.—Journal, pages 313, 475, 484.

SECTIONS 356, 369, 373, 391.

Per Capita Tax of Lodges. The question as to whether or not a lodge instituted in June should be required to pay *per capita* tax for the full term of six months is a matter to be determined by local legislation of the Grand Body.—Journal, pages 316, 475, 484.

SECTION 364.

Constitution of Grand Lodge Cannot be Changed by Resolution. Constitution provides that "The Advisory Board shall appoint standing committees immediately after the session of the Grand Lodge."

A Grand Lodge whose Constitution so provides cannot, by the adoption of a resolution, direct the Advisory Board as to who shall or shall not be appointed on such committees. Any such direction must be made by amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.—Journal, pages 318, 475, 484.

SECTION 373.

German Lodges—Power of Grand Lodges. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has from time to time authorized a translation of the ritual into the German and other foreign languages, but has not adopted any legislation respecting the chartering of lodges to work in such languages. Therefore, under the general powers of Grand Lodges, they have authority to grant permission to their subordinates to work and transact business in foreign languages. The granting of permission to a subordinate to do its work in a foreign language does not confer upon such subordinate any vested right to the use of such language, and the authority to work in such language may be revoked at the discretion of the Grand Lodge.—Journal, page 317, 497, 502.

SECTION 397.

Grand Officer, Honors of the Order. When a Grand Master is visiting a subordinate lodge officially and is to be received with the honors of the Order it is both legal and proper for him to be accompanied by his appointive officers.

The same ruling will apply in other branches of the Order.—Journal, pages 309, 475, 484.

SECTION 400.

Grand Master, Eligibility. A Past Grand in good standing in his own lodge, who is a member of, and resides within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, is eligible to election as Grand Master without previous service in any other Grand Lodge office.—Journal, pages 313, 476, 484.

SECTIONS 401, 412, 852, 855.

Encampment Officers, Eligibility to Advancement. The High Priest in a subordinate encampment and the Grand High Priest in Grand Encampments are not executive officers, and in case the office of Chief Patriarch or Grand Patriarch becomes vacant, his place shall be filled temporarily by the Senior Warden or Grand Senior Warden.

Any Past Chief Patriarch is eligible to the office of Grand Patriarch; service as Grand Senior Warden not being essential.

Eligibility to the office of Chief Patriarch is fixed by the Code, 852, 853.

In case of a vacancy in the office of Grand Patriarch, the vacancy shall be filled as provided in the Code, 412.

In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Patriarch, the vacancy shall be filled by election (Code, 855).—Journal, pages 311, 475, 484.

SECTION 408.

Installation of Grand Officer Elect. When the Constitution of a Grand Lodge provides that should an elective officer fail to be present at the proper time for installation, such office should be declared vacant and should at once be filled by election, and at the proper time for the installation of the officers of that Grand Lodge the Grand Warden Elect was not present, his absence not being " due to sickness or other unavoidable

circumstances," and the installing officer not declaring the office vacant and no election being held, so that no one was installed as Grand Warden, the office of Grand Warden is vacant and must be filled by election at the next session of the Grand Lodge.—Journal, pages 309, 475, 484.

Grand Master Elect, Installation if in Military Service. A Grand Master-elect, who is absent from the session of his Grand Lodge, by reason of being engaged in the military or naval service, may, if the Grand Lodge so directs, be installed into his office, wherever he may be, by any qualified member of his Grand Lodge.—Journal, pages 313, 475, 484.

SECTION 466.

Home Funds. When a Grand Lodge raises, by assessment or otherwise, a fund for the establishment of a Home for Odd Fellows, such funds can be used for the purpose of establishing an Odd Fellows' Home, where widows of Odd Fellows, whether Rebekahs or not, and the orphans of Odd Fellows, could also be accepted as residents. Such funds or a portion thereof can be used for the purpose of maintaining such a Home when established. When a Grand Lodge creating such fund embraces more than one Province or State, and thereafter such Grand Jurisdiction is divided into two or more Grand Jurisdictions, there should be an equitable division of the funds or property existing at the time of such dissolution, but it is impossible for the Grand Sire or The Sovereign Grand Lodge or for the Grand Lodge to determine in advance how such equitable division of such property shall be accomplished.—Journal, pages 306, 475, 484.

SECTIONS 466-470.

Eligibility to Odd Fellows' Home. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has left the matter of fixing qualifications for admission to Homes maintained by the Order to the Grand Jurisdictions.

If the law of the Grand Jurisdiction provides that the widow of a member is not eligible for admission to a Home unless her husband was beneficial at the time of his death, that rule is binding upon the widow.

If the widow belongs to a Rebekah lodge in one Jurisdiction, and the husband belonged to a subordinate lodge in another Jurisdiction, the question of the widow's admission to one or the other of these Homes depends entirely upon their local law. She cannot be refused admission to the Home of the Grand Jurisdiction to which her husband belonged solely because she belongs to a Rebekah lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, but, if she is not eligible under the law of the Grand Lodge to which her husband belonged, they are not compelled to admit her because of the fact that she belongs to a Rebekah lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction. The law in each Jurisdiction must be applied regardless of the fact that the husband and wife belonged in different Grand Jurisdictions.—Journal, pages 307, 318, 475, 484.

SECTION 475.

Membership, Eligibility of Persons Physically Disabled. The question of admission to membership in the Order of persons who are physically disabled by the loss of a limb, was settled in 1868 (pp. 4384 and 4417) by the adoption of a very full report and discussion of the subject by the Committee on State of the Order. The resolution adopted at that time, and which now governs the subject, is as follows:

"The question of eligibility to membership in the Order by initiation of persons who have lost a limb is hereby remitted to the jurisdiction and disposal of the subordinate lodge to which admission is asked."—Journal, pages 316, 475, 484.

SECTION 484.

Residence of Soldiers. The resolution of 1882, pp. 9026 and 9102, had reference to regular army posts in time of peace and was intended to apply to those cases where men were enlisted in the army and stationed at regular army posts and had no claim to a domicile or residence, distinct from his domicile or residence at the post where he was stationed. In the codification of the law, it will be noted that this enactment is carried in as an annotation to Section 489 of the Code. The general law does not undertake to fix the time required for residence as a prerequisite to a membership. This is left to the Grand Jurisdiction, but a general law does prescribe that an applicant must make application to a lodge nearest his residence and we think it self-evident that soldiers stationed at training camps cannot be said to have their residence or domicile at such training camps.—Journal, pages 307, 522, 544, 545.

SECTIONS 484, 493.

Residence of Candidate. If a brother has moved and now resides outside of the Grand Jurisdiction in which the lodge to which he formerly belonged is located, and should wish to rejoin his former lodge, he can do so only by securing first, a waiver from the lodge within whose local Jurisdiction he resides; second, a waiver from the Grand Lodge within whose Jurisdiction he resides; and third, the consent of the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction of the lodge which he desires to join.—Journal, pages 310, 475, 484.

SECTION 490.

Membership in Encampment, Location of Lodge. The location of the lodge to which a brother belongs when such brother desires to join an encampment is of no importance. The question is not the location of the lodge, but the place of residence of the brother.—Journal, pages 313, 475, 484.

SECTION 500.

Veteran Chevalier Cannot be D. N. P. A chevalier, who has been in good standing in his canton for twenty-five (25) consecutive years and who is sixty (60) years of age, cannot be dropped for non-payment of dues.—Journal, pages 319, 475, 484.

SECTION 551.

Reinstatement, Signing of Constitution. When a member is reinstated in a lodge, it is not necessary or proper that such member should again sign the constitution unless the local law so provides.—Journal, 316, 475, 484.

SECTIONS 709, 710.

District Deputy Grand Sires, Expenses. The necessary expenses incurred by a District Deputy Grand Sire in the performance of his official

duties or in carrying out the directions of the Grand Sire or Grand Secretary, shall be paid by The Sovereign Grand Lodge. However, all charges for traveling expenses must be paid by a subordinate lodge whenever he is invited by such lodge to visit it for some legitimate purpose.—Journal, pages 311, 476, 484.

SECTION 723.

Appeal Acts as a Supersedeas. An appeal from a judgment of a subordinate lodge to a Grand Lodge acts as a supersedeas, that is, suspends the execution of the judgment or sentence, unless otherwise provided by local law.—Journal, pages 306, 475, 484.

SECTION 788.

Regular Meetings on Holidays may be Omitted. When the regular meeting night of a lodge falls on the date of any national or other legally established and generally recognized holiday, according to the laws or customs of the State or country where such lodge is held, it shall be lawful for such lodge to omit such meeting.—Journal, pages 317, 475, 484.

SECTION 926.

Penal Offenses, Desertion. Desertion from the naval or military forces is sufficient ground for the filing of charges against a member of the Order, and for his expulsion from the Order.—Journal, pages 315, 475, 484.

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SECTION 6.

Initiatory Member Eligible to Membership in Rebekah Lodge. A member of the Order who has received the initiatory degree, and who is otherwise qualified, is eligible to membership in the Rebekah lodge.—Journal, pages 307, 475, 484.

A Woman Whose Husband is Not an Odd Fellow Eligible. A woman whose husband is not an Odd Fellow may join a Rebekah lodge, provided she is otherwise qualified as provided in the Rebekah Code, Section 6.—Journal, pages 309, 475, 484.

Woman Elected Marrying Man Not an Odd Fellow Not Eligible. A woman who has been elected to membership in a Rebekah lodge, and whose eligibility is based solely upon the fact that she is an unmarried woman, and who, before her initiation, marries a man who is not an Odd Fellow, is not eligible to be initiated.—Journal, pages 310, 475, 484.

SECTIONS 7 AND 16.

District Associations, Encouragement of, Powers of. It is the policy of the Order to encourage the organization and work of District Associations of Rebekah lodges for the purpose of studying the law of the Order, and especially the secret work and the exemplification of the Rebekah degree.

The secret work of the Order and the exemplification of the Rebekah degree, whenever given at such District Association meetings, must be

given by and under the control of the local Rebekah lodge at regular or special meetings thereof.

The District Association, itself, has no right to exemplify the Rebekah degree, to take up the passwords, or to discuss the secret work.—Journal, pages 315, 475, 484.

District Associations, Installation Ceremony Form. A Rebekah District Association has no right to provide an installation ceremony for the installation of the officers of such association.—Journal, pages 314, 475, 484.

District Associations Not to Take Passwords of Rebekah Lodge. The passwords of the Rebekah lodge must not be given to, or be taken up by, the President of a Rebekah District Association meeting.—Journal, pages 314, 475, 484.

District Associations, Opening Meetings. The President of a Rebekah District Association has no right to open such meeting using the passwords and signs, as in a Rebekah lodge.—Journal, pages 314, 475, 484.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Proposed at September Session, 1918.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE IX.

Amend Article IX, Section 1, of the Constitution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge by striking out the word "two" in the third line of said section and inserting the word "four" in lieu thereof, by striking out the word "annually" in the fourth line of said section and inserting the word "biennially" in lieu thereof, by striking out the words "one year" in the eighth line in said section and inserting the words "two years" in lieu thereof, and by striking out the word "annually" in the eighth line in said section and inserting the word "biennially" in lieu thereof, so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

"Article IX, Section 1, Grand Representatives. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for a term of four years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seat shall be vacated biennially by rotation; *provided, however*, that State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments which are now or may hereafter be entitled to two Grand Representatives may provide by general law for the election of one such Grand Representative to serve for two years, his successor to be elected biennially by such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. In case of a vacancy by death, resignation or otherwise during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of the Grand Representative filling such office at the time such vacancy shall occur, in the manner set out in the constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."—Journal, page 538.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XII.

Amend Article XII, Section 1, Constitution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge by inserting after the word "determined" in the fourth line of said section the words "until the year 1924, and thereafter it shall meet biennially on the same date," and by striking out the word "annual" in the twelfth line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "biennial," so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 1. Session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge. This Sovereign Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Monday of September at 9 A. M., at such place as The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine until the year 1924, and thereafter it shall meet biennially on the same date. It may also meet on its own adjournment. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called, and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless such notice has been given; *provided*, that if it shall be imprac-

ticable, from the prevalence of contagious disease or any other cause for the biennial session to be held at the place designated therefor, The Sovereign Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine at what date or place said session shall be held, or if The Sovereign Grand Lodge be not in session when such emergency occurs, such power may be exercised by the Grand Sire."—Journal, page 538.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE I.

Resolved, That paragraph 4, of Section 3, Article I, Constitution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, reading:

"4. To determine the qualifications for membership in the Order; *provided*, that no person shall be admitted to the Order except free white males of good moral character who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, further*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the Continent of North America in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualifications as to age shall be left to such Grand Lodges. No hotel-keeper, licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order," be amended by striking out the words after the words "*provided, further*," in the fifth line to the end of the sentence in line 8, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "That in Jurisdictions in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualifications as to age shall be left to such Grand Lodges conditioned that the age qualification shall in no event be under eighteen years," so that, when so amended, said paragraph will read as follows:

"4. To determine the qualifications for membership in the Order; *provided* that no person shall be admitted to the Order except free white males of good moral character who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, further*, that in Jurisdictions in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualifications as to age shall be left to such Grand Lodges, conditioned that the age qualification shall in no event be under eighteen years. No hotel-keeper, licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order."—Journal, page 557.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE I.

Resolved, That Sub-section 4 of Section 3 of Article I of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution reading as follows:

"4. To determine the qualifications for membership in the Order: *provided* that no person shall be admitted to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years and who believe in a Supreme Being, Creator and Preserver of the Universe; *provided, further*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualifications as to age shall be left to such Grand Lodges. No hotel-keeper, licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order."

Be, and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty-one" where it appears in the third line of said section and inserting in

lieu thereof the word " eighteen " so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

" 4. To determine the qualifications for membership in the Order; *provided* that no person shall be admitted to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, Creator and Preserver of the Universe. *Provided, further*, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualification as to age shall be left to such Grand Lodges. No hotel-keeper licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order."—Journal, page 558.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE I.

Amend paragraph 4 by inserting " and government of the people, by the people, for the people," in the fifth line of said paragraph, following the word " Universe "; and by inserting the words " and government " in the eight line of said paragraph, following the word " age "; so that said section, paragraph 4, when amended, shall read as follows:

" 4. To determine the qualifications for membership in the Order; *provided*, that no person shall be admitted to the Order except free white males of good moral character who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and government of the people, by the people, for the people; *provided, further*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the Continent of North America, in which one or more Grand Lodges have been chartered, the qualifications as to age and government shall be left to such Grand Lodges. No hotel-keeper, licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, saloon-keeper, bartender or professional gambler shall be eligible to membership in this Order."—Journal, page 573.

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION AT ST. LOUIS, 1918

The ninety-fourth annual session of The Sovereign Grand Lodge for 1918 was held in St. Louis, Missouri, September 16-20, 1918, and was a pleasant and successful one. On account of the serious conditions by which the country was and is surrounded, the usual extent of entertainment was dispensed with, but enough still retained to demonstrate the cordiality and warm fraternal greeting of the Order in Missouri.

On Monday morning, September 16, a public reception was given, at which welcome addresses were made by Representatives of the different branches of the Order in Missouri, and the addresses made on this occasion, as far as furnished, are given herewith, as well as the splendid and eloquent response address by Grand Sire Goudy.

On Tuesday evening a great banquet was given by the Order in Missouri, over which Ex-Governor A. M. Dockery, Past Grand Representative, presided happily as toastmaster, and at which Judge Henry V. Borst, Deputy Grand Sire and incoming Grand Sire, made an admirable and entertaining address. The banquet was in every way a great success.

On the afternoon of the 16th a splendid dinner was given by the Patriarchs Militant to brothers and sisters of the Order, and on this occasion Gen. John K. Ritter presided gracefully.

The conferring of the Grand Decoration of Chivalry took place on Wednesday evening, and the Decoration conferred on Gen. George Harrigfeld, of Idaho, and Chevalier R. M. Burlingame, of South Dakota. All the features of the ceremony were delightful and entertaining.

During the week sessions of the National Association of Rebekah Assemblies were held and interesting fraternal greetings exchanged between this organization and The Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The sessions of The Sovereign Grand Lodge were busy and important ones, and some very useful legislation enacted, and decisions of the Grand Sire considered and passed upon. The session was a business-like one throughout.

The Canadian members in attendance gave an evening of delightful entertainment to a large gathering. Addresses were made on this occasion by Grand Sire Goudy, Deputy Grand Sire Borst and the newly elected Deputy Grand Sire, Joseph Oliver, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME OF MRS. MAMIE STEWART HARTLEY ON BEHALF OF THE REBEKAH BRANCH.

Last night I lay and could not sleep, my mind was so filled with the momentousness of this meeting; and there rushed upon me the consciousness of having promised to extend words of welcome for the twenty-eight thousand Rebekahs of Missouri. A sort of despair settled down upon me and I could think of no words in which to express it save,

"Welcome, welcome, welcome,
Welcome, welcome, welcome,
Welcome, welcome, welcome,
Welcome, welcome, welcome;"

and these lines, in a sort of metric measure, repeated themselves over and over until the morning dawned.

But as I stand before you to-day and look into the faces of those gathered here from the Maritime Provinces to Texas, from British Columbia to Florida, impelled by the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth to take these long and tiresome pilgrimages for the good of humanity, there comes an inspiration that loosens words faster than my tongue can utter them.

I would that I could give expression to the sincere welcome that I know our membership all over this State would want you to receive; but it would be impossible to put the depth of this sentiment into phrases and sentences.

I have lived in Missouri since my infancy, and know almost every square mile of territory—the Father of Waters that washes its eastern side and the Big Muddy that separates the corn-lands of the north from the fruit-lands of the south. I have seen the great herds and flocks of sheep and hogs and cattle and horses within the beautiful blue-grass pastures, the rich lead and zinc mines of the southern section, and the almost solid mountains of iron ore in our Ozarks. Our material resources are boundless, and we are proud to be citizens of this great Commonwealth. Our people are of the very best, notwithstanding the fact that in the past some have been prone to smile when we told them we hailed from Missouri. Like all other Jurisdictions, we may have some who are selfish and narrow, but the great majority are broad-minded and truly fraternal. I heard of a man up in the northern part of the State who said he was "raising some corn to feed some hogs to get some more money to buy some more land to raise some more corn to feed some more hogs to get some more money to buy some more land to raise some more corn to feed some more hogs," etc., etc. But such as he is the exception and not the rule. We are truly proud of our citizenship—and it is from the very best class we have drawn our Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. And it is for these noble men and women of Missouri I would bid you welcome to this great central metropolis.

In the awful struggle of Might against Right, our people have been loyal to our nation. We had watched the boys in Canada laying down their lives for the principles of Justice—and our hearts went out in deepest sympathy to their fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters. By and by the Lusitania was sunk—and then came the call to arms from the heart of this great nation. Few slackers were found in Missouri. Our boys went forth from every city, town, hamlet and countryside, ready to lay down their lives upon the altar of Right! And side by side the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack have stayed the

destroying hand of the brutal Huns. And when Peace shall have come Canada and the United States will have become more closely welded than ever before, one people, indeed, within this great New World.

And Missouri has given of her wonderful resources, zinc and lead and corn and wheat and fruits—and the Missouri mule and the Missouri hen have vied with each other to do their bit in helping to win this war.

Before passing I would remind you that Missouri has given to our nation the two great men of the hour, General Pershing and General Crowder. Both of these men are native sons of this State—and we are proud of them, of the one for having raised the great army over here, and the other for having directed it so successfully over there.

Many other things could we tell you about Missouri, but the time is too short. We only want you to know that you are welcome to all that we have and all that we are—our very best is yours while you are our guests.

We hope that this will be the most successful session The Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Association of Rebekah Assemblies have ever held, and that much good may result from the deliberations in this city. When this war is over, during the period of reconstruction, there is going to be the greatest need of Fraternity the world has ever experienced. True brotherhood must form the very foundation of lasting peace; and our Order must not fail to do its full part in building this foundation deep and strong, so that it may last through all the future ages. The hoped-for league of nations must rest upon fraternity, if it would stand. But until the individuals that compose the citizenship of the various nations become fully permeated with the principles of brotherhood, this cannot become a reality. Let us, as an Order, be true to our obligations, and help lift the world a little higher.

Again, on behalf of our membership in Missouri, I bid you welcome, welcome, thrice welcome.

RESPONSE OF HON. FRANK C. GOUDY, GRAND SIRE, TO ADDRESSES OF WELCOME.

In behalf of the two and a quarter million Odd Fellows under the jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge, we thank you for your most cordial and friendly greeting and welcome to this up-to-date, wide-awake, progressive American city. We are proud of you and your splendid work in all activities for the war now being waged in behalf of the liberty of mankind. But above all else we thank Missouri for fighting Black Jack the Gallant Pershing, now at the head of the American Army in France, aiding the Allied armies in pushing on to Berlin, liberating the women and children of France and Belgium from barbarism and indescribable slavery.

You are a busy people, busy building up huge industries, great commercial structures, beautiful homes, wonderful parks, miles and miles of well-paved streets; busy handling, yearly more than four hundred million passengers riding in and through your beautiful city.

You maintain 510 churches; you are operating and maintaining 124 modern type schools and have the highest type of schools to be found anywhere in the country, with an attendance of 116,000 American pupils, with a corps of teachers whose loyalty to the American Government is unquestioned, teaching the American children the highest ideals of American citizenship.

You have given proof of your loyalty to the cause of justice, liberty and true Americanism, by being the second city in the United States to bar the teaching of the German language in your high schools. And the German language has not been taught in your primary schools within twenty years. You have a city of schools, churches, fraternities and homes, and above all else, you have given incontestible proof of your loyalty to God and country by sending 57,000 brave young men to battle for the overthrow of Kaiser Bill and his molten god of barbarism and cruelty.

We are proud to be your guests, glad to grasp your hand of welcome, extended to us in friendship, love and truth, and when this cruel war is over and Kaiser Bill and his six yellow backed sons have gone to their eternal home, where now resides the most noted outlaws, among them Scar-Faced Charlie, Sitting Bull and a thousand other barbarians that might be mentioned, this great Order, which I have the honor to represent at this time, will again be free to devote the best energies and impulses of its millions of members to the higher ideals of life.

TOAST BY MARTHA A. PRESCOTT, V. P., GIVEN AT BANQUET, SEPTEMBER 17, 1918.

"Our Association of Assemblies."

In responding to the toast Our Association of Assemblies, I am not unmindful of the fact that our Association makes its initial bow to you on such an occasion as this; we only hope the bow will lead to a long, firm friendship.

In this invitation, extended by our brother hosts, to be present as a body we recognize and appreciate the honor paid to woman's work in Odd Fellowship, for our four-year-old Association is really nothing new after all. It is only the same helpful, kindhearted, brave, embodied spirit of old which Rebekah exhibited when she drew water enough in a pitcher to quench the thirst, not only of a weary old man and his followers, but also of his half a score dumb beasts of burden. And did you ever stop to think what it must have meant to draw water enough in a pitcher to quench the thirst of ten camels?

Our Association is just that same spirit which centuries later filled Schuyler Colfax with a belief that woman's heart and hand could help Odd Fellowship. And so that spirit has come up through the long years until it sits at this banquet table to-night in the shape of the Association of Assemblies.

We did not reach here by one long stride. Oh, no, the sisters came by a road that was long and tortuous and with many a struggle.

The first thing they did when they started out on the road of Odd Fellowship was to rap at the door of a subordinate lodge and ask for directions. The door was opened, just the tiniest bit, by a man who looked frightened when he saw 'twas his wife, but when he had hidden all the things he didn't want her to see in the closet, he gingerly opened the door and let her come in just long enough to get the instructions. And splendid instructions they were which filled all the women who heard them with vim to start out, but there was one thing they forgot to tell them, and that was to be sure and keep together and straight ahead. So when they left the house of the subordinate lodge every one went in a different direction. Once in a while they would catch sight of one another and finally, after many long, weary years, they discovered they weren't going anywhere at all. They had just been going round and round in a circle.

About that time a Grand Sire came along and he recommended the suppression of the Rebekah degree. Fancy a Grand Sire to-day with the courage to make such a recommendation as that. I fancy the suppression would come the other way, too.

But some brothers passed by and seeing their plight they said: "There is only one way you can travel the path of Odd Fellowship and that is to take a straight-away course, keeping shoulder to shoulder, and we'll help you build lodges the same as we have, where you can council together and prepare for the journey ahead." And they did, and the scheme was a great success.

To be sure for a long time the brothers kept the front-door key in their own pocket and kept a pretty close watch over Rebekah. Not for a minute was she allowed to sit in the biggest chair or even to tend the door, and if her husband turned bad and was put out, why she was put out too. Yet it was a great improvement over running around in a circle with nothing to do.

So they journeyed along finding work for their hearts and their hands. There was once when a man came out of the woods with a gun and aimed it straight at them, shouting that they were dangerous to the brotherhood, and demanding that they be halted then and there. I have always felt that that man was really a "fraid cat," or he never would have been so scared of a few women. But The Sovereign Grand Lodge grabbed the gun and the sisters went on their way. You can read the story for yourself, it is all written out in the S. G. L. Journal of 1870.

After that the path led them out of the wilderness into broad fields of usefulness. Their lodges sprang up all over the land and, like Mr. Phinney's turnips, they grew and they grew and they grew.

Then, after many long years, they began calling softly to one another from the doorways of their own State lodges "Can't you come over and see us?" Perchance the cry was "Can't you come over and help us?" and the result was a business proposition that they should meet each other half way, and they did, and the Assemblies were instituted and again the work for Odd Fellowship grew and it grew and it grew.

More long years went by and the call began echoing softly across the boundary lines of Jurisdictions. You could hardly hear it at first, it was only a whisper "Can't you come over?" but it reached clear across the Continent and caught the listening ears of some sisters who sat around a banquet table in the city of Seattle, nine years ago. That banquet table wasn't big like this one, the Grand Sire wasn't there. The music and the sea of faces missing. Around it sat nine Past Presidents of the Jurisdiction of Washington, and as their guests were 16 others. One of that number, at least, sits again at this banquet table. Moved by the whisper which has reached them, one from Illinois suggests that then and there they organize a National Past President's Association, and the deed was done.

For five years they journeyed, and could you read the records of those years, which chance now to lie in my N. H. home, you could read all through them the great heart of Rebekah Odd Fellowship throbbing with love for it's kind and a desire to help it along.

Then came a day when they found they had been doing just what they did when they first started out in the work of Odd Fellowship, they had just been going 'round and 'round in a circle, and again a man came out to meet them, not with weapons to kill but a hand to help. A man whose blue star of service on the white field of Odd Fellowship has since

we last met at Louisville turned to gold. A man who when the summons came to his Texas home joined the ranks of those other Past Grand Sires who sit in The Sovereign Grand Lodge above. We miss the quiet encouragement with which he pointed ahead not round in a circle, and beside the broad ocean at Atlantic City the Past President's organization followed the pointing hand and stepped forward a bigger, a stronger and a better organization, which should take in not just the Past Presidents of Assemblies but the Assemblies themselves, which were to be invited to join this Association of Assemblies as it was called.

Those who were present then will recall the tense interest which thrilled that gathering as they felt that after long years they had at last begun definite work which should in the end result in one great united Rebekah Odd Fellowship from ocean to ocean, and from British Columbia to Florida. And all went joyously as a wedding bell. The spirit shown at Atlantic City was caught up in one Jurisdiction after another until some 350,000 Rebekahs, represented by some 30 Assemblies were marching in line under the standard of a bigger, a better, and a busier Rebekah Odd Fellowship. Then something happened. It looked for a moment as though the army had been gassed. The bomb came from Oklahoma, via Colorado, across the wind-swept prairies of the west. It wasn't very big and it wasn't very long but it nearly wrecked the army. It simply said "Illegal to use the funds of Assemblies for purposes of the Association of Assemblies." Then the word of distress was sent out to the Commander-in-Chief. "Shall we call off the meeting at Louisville and telegraph the sisters not to come?" and standing four square to the spirit of Odd Fellowship came ticking back the answer over the wires from Denver "Do not cancel meeting, I think the matter can be adjusted." And so we came, and again we have come buoyed up by love for the Order and a strong faith that the brotherhood will protect this Association.

We heard of one brother, who was perhaps more pessimistic than posted, who said "What is this Association of Assemblies anyway, something ornamental?" We certainly hope so, the kind of an ornament that is endeavoring to put more life-blood into the veins of our Order not by making laws but by doing deeds.

The kind of an ornament that last year drew every Assembly officer from the State of Illinois down to Louisville to exemplify a model lodge session, that the incentive to hold better-conducted lodge meetings might be scattered broadcast.

The kind of an ornament which called a staff of 10 down from Chicago to show to the Order at large what splendid work could be done by a small lodge and little money. And they would again be with us were it not for the fact that their leader, in her work as a physician, remains, in this war-time stress, at her post of duty in a Chicago hospital.

The kind of an ornament that is bringing the sisters here from the four corners of the Continent and sending them home with bigger visions.

The kind of an ornament that two years ago began injecting propaganda into its affiliated Assemblies endeavoring to lessen the suspension evil and which to-day has reported the official figures upon the floor of the Association, showing that out of 23 Assemblies, which accepted and carried out that propaganda as suggested, 19 of them to-day have shown a decrease of 3513 members suspended for non-payment of dues in 1917 over the number in 1916 and that in face of war times too.

The kind of an ornament which last year following the lead of The Sovereign Grand Lodge adopted resolutions which aimed to set every Rebekah lodge on the Continent actively at work along patriotic lines. The Presidents of every Assembly were communicated with, asking them to get the work started in their Jurisdictions, and to-night how the records unfold! Page after page of actual work done by Rebekah lodges and money invested in bonds and war stamps.

Ornamental? I answer "Yes," and the kind of an ornament that hasn't cost much either.

It is a far cry from being allowed in a subordinate lodge just long enough to receive the Rebekah degree to becoming an organization which can arouse a half a million women to turning their hands to patriotic work and sending ambulances to Europe, in the name of Odd Fellowship, but that is just what has happened since Schuyler Colfax started woman travelling the path of Odd Fellowship.

So we are here to-night because we have FAITH. Faith in our Association. Faith in ourselves. Faith in our brotherhood. Faith that if they ever see a man come out of the woods again with a gun and point it our way, they will, like the brothers of 1870, GRAB THAT GUN.

Memories

"Catch then, O catch the transient hour,
Improve each moment as it flies;
Life's a short summer—man a flower;
He dies—alas! how soon he dies!"

IN MEMORIAM.

R. G. Floyd, Past Grand Representative, of Arkansas.
Born in Wisconsin, 1851; died June 16, 1918; aged 67 years.
Grand Representative 1894-1895, 1903-1904. Grand Marshal 1897-1898.

M. M. Stuckey, Past Grand Representative, of Arkansas.
Born in Illinois, 1853; died January 27, 1918; aged 65 years.
Grand Representative 1902-1903, 1912-1914.

Ebenezer J. Hill, Past Grand Representative, of Connecticut.
Born in Redding, Connecticut, August 4, 1845; died in Norwalk, Connecticut, September 27, 1917; aged 72 years.
Grand Representative 1881-1882.

E. Benajah Pratt, Past Grand Representative, of Connecticut.
Born in Chester, Connecticut, April 7, 1846; died in Chester, Connecticut, October 11, 1917; aged 71 years.
Grand Representative, 1910-1911.

David W. Boyd, Past Grand Representative, of Connecticut.
Born in Baltimore, Maryland, August 19, 1827; died in Derby, Connecticut, February 13, 1918; aged 90 years.
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1918-1919

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G. Enc't, *L. Lew Gracey*, P. G. P.....Bozeman.

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G. Lodge, Sam K. Greenleaf, P. G. Rep.....Omaha.
G. Lodge, *Walter V. Hoagland*, P. G. M.....North Platte.
G. Enc't, L. E. Coy, P. G. P.....Paxton.
G. Enc't, I. P. Gage, P. G. Rep.....Fremont.

NEVADA.

G. Lodge, Chas. S. Nichols, P. G.....Reno.
G. Lodge, *C. R. Carter*, P. G. M., P. G. P., P. G. Rep. .....Reno.
G. Enc't, P. H. Mulcahy, P. G. M., P. G. P., P. G. Rep. .....Sparks.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

G. Lodge, Charles S. Emerson, P. G. M.....Milford.
G. Lodge, Frank M. Cilley, P. G. M.....Exeter.
G. Enc't, Frank J. Phelps, P. G. P.....Tilton.
G. Enc't, *James S. Shaw*, P. G. P.....Franklin.

NEW JERSEY.

G. Lodge, William T. Robbins, P. G. M.....Hamilton Square.
G. Lodge, *Charles A. Woodruff*, P. G. M.....Newark.
G. Enc't, Alfred B. Wilson, P. G. P.....Trenton.
G. Enc't, *Oscar N. Falk*, P. G. Rep.....Paterson.

NEW MEXICO.

G. Lodge, Victor L. Minter, P. G. M.....Carlsbad.
G. Lodge, *J. R. Whitesides*, P. G. M.....Albuquerque.
G. Enc't, *C. Bert Smith*, P. G. Rep. .....Artesia.

NEW YORK.

G. Lodge, George E. Judge, P. G. M.....Buffalo.
G. Lodge, *Franklin P. Trautmann*, P. G. M.....New York City.
G. Enc't, Caleb H. Baumes, P. G. P.....Newburgh.
G. Enc't, *Addison B. Parker*, P. G. P.....Watertown.

NORTH CAROLINA.

G. Lodge, Guy Weaver, P. G. M.....Asheville.
G. Lodge, *Calvin Woodard*, P. G. M.....Wilson.
G. Enc't, *J. C. Bessent*, P. G. P.....Winston-Salem.

NORTH DAKOTA.

G. Lodge, A. J. Field, P. G. M.....Williston.
G. Lodge, *Byron A. Fahl*, P. G. M.....Buffalo.
G. Enc't, G. H. Noyes, P. G. P.....Cogswell.
G. Enc't, Paul B. Rognlie, P. G. Rep.....Esmond.

OHIO.

G. Lodge, Frank H. Foster, P. G. M.....Toledo.
G. Lodge, *H. W. Kuntz*, P. G. M.....Zanesville.
G. Enc't, A. H. Pierce, P. G. P.....Wellington.
G. Enc't, *W. B. Roderick*, P. G. P.....West Union.

OKLAHOMA.

G. Lodge, Cicero A. Skeen, P. G. M.....Wapanucka.
G. Lodge, *A. S. J. Shaw*, P. G. Rep.....Altus.
G. Enc't, C. F. Knedler, Sr.....Kaw City.
G. Enc't, *H. A. Herwig*, P. G. Scribe.....Guthrie.

ONTARIO.

G. Lodge, L. B. Cooper, P. G. M.....Belleville.
G. Lodge, *S. C. Parks*, P. G. M.....Toronto.
G. Enc't, John McCorvie, P. G. P.....Chatham.
G. Enc't, *Joseph Oliver*, P. G. P., P. G. Rep.....Toronto.

OREGON.

G. Lodge, Frank E. Weed, P. G.....Portland.
G. Lodge, *Geo. W. Trefren*, P. G. M.....Ashland.
G. Enc't, Robt. Andrews, P. G. M., P. G. P.....Portland.
G. Enc't, *Sol. S. Walker*, P. G. P.....Oregon City.

PENNSYLVANIA.

G. Lodge, James H. Avery, P. G. Rep.....Philadelphia.
G. Lodge, *Wilson K. Mohr*, P. G. M.....Allentown.
G. Enc't, Samuel H. Pope, P. G. P.....Philadelphia.
G. Enc't, *William L. Heiston*, P. G. P.....East Pittsburgh.

QUEBEC.

G. Lodge, R. McArthur, P. G. M.....Lachute.
G. Lodge, *P. Pergau*, P. G. M.....Waterloo.
G. Enc't, Wm. Kennedy, P. G. Rep.....Westmount.

RHODE ISLAND.

G. Lodge, Ellis A. Cranston, P. G. M.....Pawtuxet.
G. Lodge, *William H. Lowe*, P. G. M.....Providence.
G. Enc't, Edward Edgers, P. G. P.....Providence.
G. Enc't, *William H. Dobson*, P. G. P.....Providence.

SASKATCHEWAN.

G. Lodge, Geo. Sillers, P. G. M.....Saskatoon.
G. Lodge, F. J. Walsh, P. G. M.....Moose Jaw.
G. Enc't, E. Day Washington, P. G. P.....Wolseley.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

G. Lodge, F. S. Strickland, P. G. M.....Columbia.
G. Lodge, *A. R. Langley*, P. G. M.....Columbia.
G. Enc't, Max Kehlhof, P. G. P.....Charleston.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

G. Lodge, Charles Barrette, P. G. M.....Watertown.
G. Lodge, Henry Robertson, P. G. M.....Dell Rapids.
G. Enc't, Robert M. Burlingame, P. G. P.....Watertown.
G. Enc't, J. O. Purintum, P. G. P.....De Smet.

TENNESSEE.

G. Lodge, Robert L. Fine, P. G. Rep.....Johnson City.
G. Lodge, *F. M. Lane*, P. G. M.....Memphis.
G. Enc't, Fred. A. Rosenblatt, P. G. Rep.....Greeneville.
G. Enc't, *J. R. Fischesser*, P. G. P.....Spring City.

TEXAS.

G. Lodge, Chas. B. Lewis, P. G. M.....Huntsville.
G. Lodge, *W. F. Boggess*, P. G. M.....Del Rio.
G. Enc't, Harry J. Emmins, P. G. Rep.....Dallas.
G. Enc't, *W. A. Brumbaugh*, P. G. P.....Terrell.

UTAH.

G. Lodge, P. P. Christensen, P. G. M.....Salt Lake City.
G. Lodge, *Frank H. Cellventtra*, P. G. M.....Springville.
G. Enc't, *Thomas Redfern*, P. G. P.....Salt Lake City.

VERMONT.

G. Lodge, John G. Roy, P. G. M.....East Barnet.
G. Lodge, *E. A. Spear*, P. G. M.....Woodstock.
G. Enc't, Gerry F. Walker, P. G. Rep.....Bellows Falls.
G. Enc't, *E. E. Jenne*, P. G. P.....Newport.

VIRGINIA.

G. Lodge, O. V. Hanger, P. G. M.....Amherst.
G. Lodge, *Louis F. Krenning*, P. G. M.....Wytheville.
G. Enc't, Wm. C. Louhoff, P. G. P.....Danville.
G. Enc't, *J. T. Haynes*, P. G. P.....Richmond.

WASHINGTON.

G. Lodge, E. R. Anderson, P. G. M.....LaConner.
G. Lodge, *H. D. Merritt*, P. G. M.....Spokane.
G. Enc't, George Wilson Blanchard, P. G. P....Seattle.
G. Enc't, E. S. Isaacs, P. G. P.....Walla Walla.

WEST VIRGINIA.

G. Lodge, W. F. Hollister, P. G. M.....Cowen.
G. Lodge, *Chas. L. Simpson*, P. G. M., P. G. P., P. G. Rep .....Huntington.
G. Enc't, Alba Wolverton, P. G. P.....Philippi.
G. Enc't, *H. E. Rennard*, P. G. P.....Wheeling.

WISCONSIN.

G. Lodge, A. J. Ingli, P. G.....Ellsworth.
G. Lodge, *Paul W. Mahoney*, P. G.....LaCrosse.
G. Enc't, Fred. Williams, P. G. P.....Milwaukee.
G. Enc't, *George Gerlach*, P. G. P.....Viola.

WYOMING.

G. Lodge, Paul Paulson, P. G. M., P. G. P.....Rawlins.
G. Lodge, *Fred. C. Poll*, P. G. M., P. G. P.....Sheridan.
G. Enc't, *James R. Lemarr*, P. H. P.....Rock Springs.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

CL. T. CAMPBELL.....London, Ont., Can.
ALFRED S. PINKERTON.....Worcester, Mass.
JOHN B. GOODWIN .....Baltimore, Md.
E. S. CONWAY .....Chicago, Ill.
JOHN B. COCKRUM .....Indianapolis, Ind.
J. B. A. ROBERTSON.....Oklahoma City, Okla.
FRANK C. GOUDY .....Denver, Colo.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES FOR 1918-1919.

Alaska—W. H. McBlaine, P. G.....Treadwell, Alaska.
Cuba—Harris Towle, P. G.....La Gloria, Cuba.
A. A. Valdez, Special Deputy Grand Sire .....Lagunas 87a, Havana.
Hawaii—A. J. Horn, P. G., P. C. P.....Honolulu, Hawaii.
Japan—W. J. Ham, P. G.....108 Creekside, Yamachito Cho, Yokohama, Japan, Asia.
Keewatin and Northwest Territory—J. A. M. Patrick, P. G. M .....Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Can.
Mexico—H. F. Schlattman, P. G.....Av. Isabel la Catolica 25, City of Mexico, Mexico.
Panama—Charles Cotton, P. G.....Gatun, Canal Zone.
Philippine Islands—August Schipull, P. G..Manila, Philippine Islands.
Yukon Territory—Charles L. Dearing, P. G. Dawson, Yukon.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

JOHN WELSH, 1825-1829.....Maryland.
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN, 1829-1833.....Maryland.
ROBERT NEILSON, 1833-1835.....Maryland.
JOHN PEARCE, 1835-1837.....Pennsylvania.
FREDERICK LEISE, 1837-1840.....New York.
WILLIAM W. MOORE, 1840-1841.....District of Columbia.
HORN R. KNEASS, 1841-1843.....Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM S. STEWART, 1843-1845.....Missouri.
ALBERT CASE, 1845-1847.....South Carolina.
NEWELL A. THOMPSON, 1847-1849.....Massachusetts.
ASHER B. KELLOGG, 1849-1851.....Michigan.
HERMAN L. PAGE, 1851-1853.....Wisconsin.
HORACE A. MANCHESTER, 1853-1855.....Rhode Island.
GEORGE W. RACE, 1855-1857.....Louisiana.
TIMOTHY G. SENTER, 1857-1858.....New Hampshire.
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH, 1858-1860.....Virginia.
MILTON HERNDON, 1860-1862.....Indiana.
WILLIAM H. YOUNG, 1862-1864.....Maryland.
JAMES P. SANDERS, 1864-1866.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH, 1866-1868.....Tennessee.
FREDERICK D. STUART, 1868-1870.....District of Columbia.
CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, 1870-1872.....Kansas.
MILTON J. DURHAM, 1872-1874.....Kentucky.
JOHN W. STOKES, 1874-1876.....Pennsylvania.
JOHN B. HARMON, 1876-1878.....California.
LUTHER J. GLENN, 1878-1880.....Georgia.
ERIE J. LEECH, 1880-1882.....Iowa.
HENRY F. GAREY, 1882-1884.....Maryland.
JOHN H. WHITE, 1884-1886.....New York.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, 1886-1888.....Kentucky.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE, 1888-1890.....North Carolina.
CL. T. CAMPBELL, 1890-1892.....Ontario, Canada.
J. W. STEBBINS, 1892-1894.....New York.
FRED CARLETON, 1894-1896.....Texas.
ALFRED S. PINKERTON, 1896-1898.....Massachusetts.
A. C. CABLE, 1898-1900.....Ohio.
JOHN B. GOODWIN, 1900-1902.....Georgia.
R. E. WRIGHT, 1902-1904.....Pennsylvania.
E. S. CONWAY, 1904-1906.....Illinois.
JOHN L. NOLEN, 1906-1908.....Tennessee.
W. L. KUYKENDALL, 1908.....Wyoming.
JOHN B. COCKRUM, 1909-1910.....Indiana.
C. A. KELLER, 1910-1912.....Texas.
ROBT. T. DANIEL, 1912-1914.....Georgia.
J. B. A. ROBERTSON, 1914-1915.....Oklahoma.
FRANK C. GOUDY, 1915-1916.....Colorado.
HENRY V. BORST, 1916-1918.....New York.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

1. THOMAS WILDEY, 1825-1833.....(Died Oct. 19th, 1861).Baltimore, Md.
2. JAMES GETTYS, 1833-1835.....(Died Aug. 15th, 1844).Georgetown, D. C.
3. GEORGE KEYSER, 1835-1837.....(Died Sept. 19th, 1837).Baltimore, Md.
4. SAMUEL H. PERKINS, 1837-1840....(Died May 22d, 1874).Philadelphia, Pa.
5. ZENAS B. GLAZIER, 1840-1841.....(Died Nov. 11th, 1858).Wilmington, Del.
6. JOHN A. KENNEDY, 1841-1843.....(Died June 20th, 1873).New York City, N. Y.
7. HOWELL HOPKINS, 1843-1845.....(Died June 5th, 1858).Philadelphia, Pa.
8. THOMAS SHERLOCK, 1845-1847.....(Died Oct. 15th, 1895).Cincinnati, O.
9. HORN R. KNEASS, 1847-1849.....(Died Dec. 12th, 1861).Philadelphia, Pa.
10. ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, 1849-1851.....(Died Dec. 14th, 1855).Savannah, Ga.
11. WM. W. MOORE, 1851-1853.....(Died Dec. 23d, 1886).Washington, D. C.
12. WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE, 1853-55..(Died Feb. 1st, 1886).Charleston, S. C.
13. WILLIAM ELLISON, 1855-1857.....(Died Aug. 23d, 1877).Boston, Mass.
14. GEORGE W. RACE, 1857-1858.....(Died June 17th, 1881).New Orleans, La.
15. SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, 1858-1860.....(Died Sept. 6th, 1894).Dayton, O.
16. ROBERT B. BOYLSTON, 1860-1862....(Died Sept. 4th, 1865).Winnsborough, S. C.
17. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, 1862-1864....(Died Mar. 4th, 1901).Philadelphia, Pa.
18. ISAAC M. VIETCH, 1864-1866.....(Died May 22d, 1884).St. Louis, Mo.
19. JAMES P. SANDERS, 1866-1868.....(Died Dec. 18th, 1904).Yonkers, N. Y.
20. E. D. FARNSWORTH, 1868-1870.....(Died Mar. 29th, 1893).Nashville, Tenn.
21. FREDERICK D. STUART, 1870-1872...(Died Jan. 25th, 1878).Washington, D. C.
22. CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, 1872-1874....(Died Jan. 30th, 1889).Leavenworth, Kansas.
23. MILTON J. DURHAM, 1874-1876.....(Died Feb. 12th, 1911).Lexington, Ky.
24. JOHN W. STOKES, 1876-1878.....(Died Feb. 7th, 1888).Philadelphia, Pa.
25. JOHN B. HARMON, 1878-1880.....(Died Feb. 7th, 1899).San Francisco, Cal.
26. LUTHER J. GLENN, 1880-1882.....(Died June 9th, 1888).Atlanta, Ga.
27. ERIE J. LEECH, 1882-1884.....(Died Aug. 29th, 1891).Keokuk, Iowa.
28. HENRY F. GAREY, 1884-1886.....(Died July 29th, 1892).Baltimore, Md.
29. JOHN H. WHITE, 1886-1888.....(Died Mar. 20th, 1902).Albion, N. Y.
30. JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, 1888-1890....(Died Oct. 25th, 1913).Covington, Ky.
31. CHARLES M. BUSBEE, 1890-1892....(Died Aug. 7th, 1909).Raleigh, N. C.
32. CL. T. CAMPBELL, 1892-1894.....London, Ont., Can.
33. JOHN W. STEBBINS, 1894-1896.....(Died July 30th, 1905).Rochester, N. Y.
34. FRED CARLETON, 1896-1898.....(Died Nov. 11th, 1910).Austin, Texas.
35. ALFRED S. PINKERTON, 1898-1900.....Worcester, Mass.
36. A. C. CABLE, 1900-1902.....(Died Nov. 1st, 1908).Covington, Ohio.
37. JOHN B. GOODWIN, 1902-1904.....Atlanta, Ga.
38. R. E. WRIGHT, 1904-1906.....(Died Apr. 15th, 1912).Allentown, Pa.
39. E. S. CONWAY, 1906-1908.....Chicago, Ill.
40. JOHN L. NOLEN, 1908.....(Died Dec. 14th, 1908).Nashville, Tenn.
41. W. L. KUYKENDALL, 1908-1910.....(Died Mar. 8th, 1915).Saratoga, Wyoming.
42. JOHN B. COCKRUM, 1910-1912.....Indianapolis, Ind.
43. C. A. KELLER, 1912-1914.....(Died Feb. 21st, 1918).San Antonio, Texas.
44. ROBT. T. DANIEL, 1914.....(Died May 27th, 1915).Griffin, Georgia.
45. J. B. A. ROBERTSON, 1915-1916.....Oklahoma City, Okla.
46. FRANK C. GOUDY, 1916-1918.....Denver, Colorado.

GRAND LODGES.

JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND MASTER.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama	Birmingham, Tuesday, August 12, 1919	Palmer P. Daugette	Birmingham	H. C. Pollard	Huntsville.
Alberta	Calgary, Wednesday, February 19, 1919	J. A. Tully	525 5th Ave. W., Calgary	O. E. Tisdale	Calgary.
Arizona	Yuma, Monday, April 21, 1919	E. A. Watkins	Bisbee	Geo. A. Mintz	Phoenix.
Arkansas	Jonesboro, Tuesday, October 28, 1919	Alex. Rowell	Pine Bluff	H. J. Nemnich	Imboden.
Australasia	Triennial, ——, Tuesday, May —, 1921	F. W. Wathen, G. Sire	Tasmania	John C. Smith	Tasma, Oak St., Hawthorn, Victoria.
New South Wales	Biennial, Sydney, Tuesday, April 22, 1919	P. H. Berne	113 Pitt St., Sydney	Geo. T. Clarke	I. O. O. F. Temple, 140 Elizabeth St., Sydney.
New Zealand	Biennial, Invercargill, Tuesday, March 18, 1919	Wm. Hunter	518 Hereford St., Christchurch	Wm. Reid	Express Co. Bldgs., Dunedin.
South Australia	Adelaide, Tuesday, March 18, 1919	John Hall	278 Ward St., N. Adelaide	W. Lucas	I. O. O. F. Hall, Flinders St. Adelaide.
Tasmania	Launceston, Tuesday, March 2, 1920	James Donovan	132 Brisbane St., Hobart	P. Colquhoun	Havelock Chambers, Patterson St., Launceston.
Victoria	Melbourne, Tuesday, March 11, 1919	Thos. Hayes	48 Leslie St., N. Richmond	C. E. Wilson	Odd Fellows Hall, Victoria St., Melbourne.
Western Australia	Perth, Tuesday, September —, 1919	J. J. Gill	Grand Central Bunbury	J. W. Tyson	I. O. O. F. Orphans Home, Cottesloe.
Queensland	Biennial, ——, Saturday, April 3, 1920	Leslie Howard Tooth	Rockbourne Ter., Upper Paddington, Brisbane.	Oswald Samuels	Musgrave St., Paddington, Brisbane.
British Columbia	Vancouver, Wednesday, June 11, 1919	R. A. Merrithew	1285 Pender St., Vancouver	Fred. Davey	1323 Douglas St., Victoria.
California	San Francisco, Tuesday, May 13, 1919	H. W. Brunk	Berkeley Bank Bldg., Berkeley	H. D. Richardson	7th & Market Sts., San Francisco.
Colorado	Denver, Tuesday, October 21, 1919	Hans P. Hansen	Denver	O. E. Jackson	Odd Fellows Temple, Denver.
Connecticut	New Haven, Wednesday, May 21, 1919	Harry Hirsch	New London	William S. Hutchinson	Drawer 181, New Haven.
Delaware	Wilmington, Wednesday, November 20, 1918	B. S Christopher	Frankford	William W. Douty	Odd Fellows Bldg., Wilmington.
Denmark	Quadrennial, Copenhagen, Monday, September 6, 1920	Dr. Petrus Beyer, G. Sire	Nygade 4 K., Copenhagen	S. F. O. Ravn	Bredgade 28 K, Copenhagen.
District of Columbia	Washington, Wednesday, January 15, 1919	John S. Humphreys	4120 5th St. N. W., Washington.	Frank E. Rapp	Columbian Bldg., Washington.

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Florida	Jacksonville, Tuesday, April 22, 1919	J. H. Shirah	Tampa	M. M. Little	Ocala.
Georgia	Atlanta, Wednesday, May 28, 1919	W. A. Slaton	Washington	T. H. Robertson	Gainesville.
German Empire	——, ——,	Phil August Weiss	Hendelstr. 1, Munchen	H. W. Hahn	Brunswickerstr 31a, Kiel.
Brandenburg	——, ——, ——, —, ——	Louis Müller	Melchoirstr. 11, Berlin, S. O. 26	Gustav Debowski	Schmidstr. 3, Berlin S. O. 16.
Hannover	——, ——, ——, —, ——	Phil. A. Edel	Kavalierstr. 24, Dessau	William Hermanns	Feldstr. 11, Hannover.
Saxony	——, ——, ——, —, ——	Alexander Feller	Eisenstuckstr. 24, Dresden	Moritz Hartel	Heinrich Beck Str. 42, Chemnitz.
Silesia-Posen	——, ——, ——, —, ——	Emil Waldstein	Hohenzollernstr. 77, Breslau XIII	Wilhelm Reimann	Waldenburg Schlesien.
Wurttemberg	——, ——, ——, —, ——	Carl Reis	Frankfurt	Moriz Haegels	Augustenstr. 93, Stuttgart.
Schleswig-Holstein	——, ——, ——, —, ——	Matth. Brocker	Kiel-Garden	Robert Rothenburg	Hamburg.
Idaho	Boise, Tuesday, October 21, 1919	John P. Isaacs	Spirit Lake	Presley F. Horne	Box 417, Caldwell.
Illinois	Springfield, Tuesday, November 11, 1919	L. M. Kagy	Salem	John H. Sikes	Springfield.
Indiana	Indianapolis, Wednesday, November 19, 1919	H. A. Winterrowd	2058 Park Ave., Indianapolis	W. H. Leedy	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Ames, Wednesday, October 22, 1919	J. M. Hazlett	111 9th St., Mason City	L. W. Smith	Odd Fellows Temple, Des Moines.
Kansas	Topeka, Wednesday, October 15, 1919	Roy Foster	Iola	Will J. Russell	122 E. 5th St., Topeka.
Kentucky	Louisville, Tuesday, October 14, 1919	Geo. I. Breiel	Newport	R. G. Elliott	Lexington.
Louisiana	Crowley, Tuesday, March 11, 1919	F. A. Golden	Rayville	R. T. Leland	614 South St., New Orleans.
Maine	Portland, Wednesday, October 15, 1919	Frederick B. Peabody	Richmond	James R. Townsend	25a Forest Ave., Portland.
Manitoba	Winnipeg, Wednesday, March 5, 1919	Herbert Blake Andrews	100 Union Bank Bldg., Winnipeg	B. D. Deering	Odd Fellows Temple, Winnipeg.
Maritime Provinces	Moncton, N. B., Wednesday, August 13, 1919	R. H. Mackay	New Glasgow, N. S.	J. J. McKinnon	Charlottetown, P. E. I.

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Maryland	Baltimore, Monday, April 21, 1919	Henry M. McCullough	Elkton	Wm. A. Jones	I. O. O. F. Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Boston, Thursday, September 4, 1919	Samuel K. Walker	44 Park St., West Lynn	George H. Fuller	515 Tremont St., Boston.
Michigan	Grand Rapids, Tuesday, October 15, 1918	Henry J. Neville	Manistique	Fred. A. Rogers	Lansing.
Minnesota	Duluth, Thursday, June 12, 1919	William Alvin Pittenger	600 First Natl. Bank Bldg., Duluth	A. L. Bolton	605 Pittsburgh Bldg., St. Paul.
Mississippi	Meridian, Wednesday, May 21, 1919	R. A. Cody	Louisville	W. S. P. Doty	Grenada.
Missouri	St. Louis, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	H. A. Collins	Lamar	Ben. Weidle	Odd Fellows Bldg., St. Louis.
Montana	Billings Tuesday, October 15, 1918	O. S. Draper	Bonner	R. W. Kemp	P. O. Box 1354, Missoula.
Nebraska	York, Wednesday, October 15, 1919	J. W. McKissick	Beatrice	I. P. Gage	Fremont.
Netherlands	——, ——, ——, —, —, ——	J. G. Holthius	Pelsterstratt, Groningen	Joost Herbers, Acting	29 Van Breestraat, Amsterdam.
Nevada	Reno, Tuesday, June 17, 1919	A. W. Holmes	Reno	Wm. Sutherland	Box 586, Reno.
New Hampshire	Manchester, Wednesday, October 9, 1918	Justin A. Emery	Rochester	Frank L. Way	Manchester.
New Jersey	Newark, Wednesday, November 19, 1919	Harvey S. Hopkins	Newton	Harry S. Pine	137 E. State St., Trenton.
New Mexico	Alamogordo, Tuesday, October 14, 1919	E. A. Hannah	Artesia	Frank Talmage Jr.	Roswell.
New York	Utica, Tuesday, August 19, 1919	Edgar S. Mosher	301 Smith Bldg., Auburn	Harry Walker	31 Union Sq. W., New York City.
North Carolina	Asheville, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	Chas. G. Smith	Goldsboro	John D. Berry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Fargo, Wednesday, June 4, 1919	O. A. Webster	Grand Forks	Don McDonald	Grand Forks.
Ohio	Springfield, Tuesday, June 17, 1919	Frank S. Culp	Butler	C. H. Lyman	Columbus.
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, Tuesday, October 7, 1919	M. B. Cope	El Reno	G. W. Bruce	Guthrie.
Ontario	Toronto, Thursday, June 19, 1919	Walter Cox	Sananoque	Wm. Brooks	229 College St., Toronto.

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Oregon	Salem, Wednesday, May 21, 1919.	W. F. Walker	Springfield	E. E. Sharon	226 Alder St., Portland.
Pennsylvania	Johnstown, Tuesday, May 20, 1919.	Roy D. Beman	1217 N. 3d St., Harrisburg	Usher A. Hall	1723 Arch St., Philadelphia.
Quebec	Montreal, Wednesday, May 21, 1919.	J. D. Samson	Magog	T. J. Potter	Box 972, Montreal.
Rhode Island	Providence, Tuesday, May 6, 1919.	Donald E. Spears	247 Spring St., Newport	Kirtland H. Wilson	86 Weybosset St., Providence.
Saskatchewan	Moose Jaw, Wednesday, June 4, 1919.	J. A. Hagerman	Unity	Geo. M. Baird	2229 15th Ave., Regina.
South Carolina	——, Wednesday, May 14, 1919.	Jos. A. Clarkson	Hopkins	S. F. Killingsworth	Columbia.
South Dakota	Sioux Falls, Wednesday, May 21, 1919.	W. A. Herron	Custer	Harvey J. Rice	Huron.
Sweden	Quadrennial, Stockholm, Monday, July 11, 1921.	Wm. Laurentz, G. Sire	Odensgatan 68, Stockholm	Fred. Geijer	Regeringsgaten 38, Stockholm.
Switzerland	Biennial, Langenthal, ——, May —, 1920.	Herman Lanz, G. Sire	Muristrasse 2, Bern	Ed. Knuchel	Leonhardsgraben 8, Basel.
Tennessee	Nashville, Wednesday, October 16, 1918.	Russell A. Gardner	Clarksville	John R. Harwell	Nashville.
Texas	Dallas, Monday, March 3, 1919.	J. W. Chancellor	Bowie	W. H. Walker	Dallas.
Utah	Salt Lake City, Tuesday, April 15, 1919.	E. H. Smith	Box 1699, Salt Lake City	Peter A. Simpkin	Box 1699, Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Burlington, Thursday, May 15, 1919.	O. W. Edwards	Burlington	Frank W. Jackson	Barre.
Virginia	Richmond, Tuesday, May 13, 1919.	O. L. Mason	Lynchburg, R. F. D. No. 2	E. P. Turner	9th & Broad Sts., Richmond.
Washington	Seattle, Tuesday, June 10, 1919.	Frank C. Graham	Okanogan	F. W. Bier	710½ Pacific Ave., Tacoma.
West Virginia	Wheeling, Tuesday, October 14, 1919.	L. T. Baker	Weston	A. J. Wilkinson	Huntington.
Wisconsin	Green Bay, Tuesday, June 3, 1919.	A. M. Arveson	Antigo	Richard Hoe	191 Tenth St., Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Basin, Wednesday, October 9, 1918.	F. T. Brigham	Basin	Thomas Cottle	Green River.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND PATRIARCH.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SCRIBE.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama	Birmingham, Monday, August 4, 1919	T. L. Powell	1818 Ave D., Ensley	W. F. McCartney	Samson.
Alberta	Calgary, Tuesday, February 18, 1919	R. B. Morden	526 13th St. N., Lethbridge	H. J. Adames	439 12th Ave. E., Calgary.
Arizona	Yuma, Monday, April 21, 1919	Chas. F. Miller	Tucson	Geo. A. Mintz	Phoenix.
Arkansas	Little Rock, Monday, October 21, 1918	H. J. Nemnich	Imboden	H. C. Graham	Hot Springs.
Australasia					
New South Wales	Sydney, Monday, April 21, 1919	Norman Foot	27 Tudor St., Surry Hills	J. H. Bloor	40 St. David's Rd., Haberfield.
South Australia	——, ——, ——, —, ——	Henry J. Coles	Arcade, Rundle St., Adelaide	E. E. Wilson	Halifax St., Hilton.
British Columbia	Vancouver, Tuesday, June 10, 1919	Robt. May	New Westminster	Fred. Davey	1323 Douglas St., Victoria.
California	San Francisco, Tuesday, October 14, 1919	J. E. Streightif	2045 University Ave., Berkeley	Wm. H. Barnes	I. O. O. F. Hall, San Francisco.
Colorado	Denver, Monday, October 13, 1919	Walter M. Merrill	Grand Junction	J. M. Norman	Denver.
Connecticut	Hartford, Tuesday, October 21, 1919	Michael Larsen	Hartford	William S. Hutchison	P. O. Drawer 181, New Haven.
Delaware	Wilmington, Tuesday, November 18, 1919	Willard T. Loreman	Wilmington	C. Frank Davidson	33d & Tatnall Sts., Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Washington, Tuesday, January 21, 1919	Alfred H. Noakes	107 R St., N. W., Washington	E. L. Dunn	602 Penna. Ave. S. E., Washington.
Florida	Jacksonville, Monday, April 14, 1919	Martin F. Zeller	Orlando	John T. Dale	Box 1114, Orlando.
Georgia	Atlanta, Tuesday, May 27, 1919	R. C. Burnham	Savannah	T. H. Robertson	Gainesville.
Idaho	Boise, Monday, October 20, 1919	C. B. Ross	Parma	Presley F. Horne	Box 417, Caldwell.
Illinois	Springfield, Monday. November 17, 1919	Huntington James	Kankakee	Sam: J. Baker	Olney.
Indiana	Indianapolis, Tuesday, November 18, 1919	A. W. Beehler	Garrett	W. H. Leedy	I. O. O. F. Bldg., Indianapolis.
Iowa	Ames, Monday, October 20, 1919	Geo. A. Butcher	Des Moines	L. W. Smith	Odd Fellows Temple, Des Moines.
Kansas	Topeka, Tuesday, October 14, 1919	Charles M. Snyder	226 W. 11th St., Hutchinson	A. M. Bain	Leavenworth.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND PATRIARCH.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SCRIBE.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Kentucky	Providence, Wednesday, May 21, 1919	P. J. McCord	Paris	R. G. Elliott	Lexington.
Louisiana	Crowley, Monday, March 10, 1919	Harry E. Hoth	4000 St. Claude St., New Orleans	R. T. Leland	614 South St., New Orleans.
Maine	Portland, Thursday, October 16, 1919	John W. Gorman	Portland	William E. Plummer	25a Forest Ave., Portland.
Manitoba	Portage la Prairie, Friday, June 6, 1919			D. E. McKinnon	Box 388, Winnipeg.
Maritime Provinces	Moncton, N. B., Tuesday, August 12, 1919	C. Horton McKay	Pictou, N. S.	Melville McKean	North Sydney, N. S.
Maryland	Baltimore, Monday, October 20, 1919	E. Earl Hearn	2128 N. Calvert St., Baltimore	William A. Jones	I. O. O. F. Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Boston, Thursday, March 6, 1919	George S. Wadsworth.	P. O. Box 87, Lawrence	Geo. H. Fuller	515 Tremont St., Boston.
Michigan	Pontiac, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	Nathan C. Rose	901 David Whitney Bldg., Detroit	Isaac G. Reynolds	Ann Arbor.
Minnesota	Duluth, Wednesday, June 11, 1919	A. H. Paul	Duluth	M. H. McDivitt	2707 E. Lake St., Minneapolis.
Mississippi	Meridian, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	J. A. Coleson	West Point	Chas. H. Barr	Meridian.
Missouri	Mareeline, Tuesday, October 14, 1919	E. W. Ousley	St. James	W. F. Maring	Carthage.
Montana	Billings, Thursday, October 17, 1918	W. D. Bennett	P. O. Box 709, Anaconda	R. W. Kemp	P. O. Box 1354, Missoula.
Nebraska	York, Tuesday, October 14, 1919	A. P. Hansen	3011 South 16th St., Omaha	I. P. Gage	Fremont.
Nevada	Reno, Monday, June 16, 1919	Albert Kietzke	Reno	Wm. Sutherland	Box 586, Reno.
New Hampshire	Littleton, Wednesday, May 14, 1919	Myron P. Crowell	Manchester	Hendrick A. Currier	Franklin.
New Jersey	Newark, Tuesday, May 6, 1919	Edwin F. Osborne	222 Market St., Newark	Frank R. Jummel	Box 390, Trenton.
New Mexico	Alamogordo, Monday, October 13, 1919	W. J. Howells	Raton	C. A. Doty	Roswell.
New York	New York, Tuesday, May 27, 1919	Frank W. Mallison	Medina	Harry Walker	31 Union Sq. W., New York City.
North Carolina	Asheville, Monday, May 19, 1919	John D. Berry	Raleigh	L. W. Jeanneret	Asheville.
North Dakota	Fargo, Tuesday, June 3, 1919	George Elmslie	Devils Lake	Chas. H. Lee	Walhalla.

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JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	GRAND PATRIARCH.	P. O. ADDRESS.	GRAND SCRIBE.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Ohio	Painesville, Tuesday, July 8, 1919	L. L. Hartsock	19 E. Clark St., Springfield	F. C. Garrett	I. O. O. F. Temple, Dayton.
Oklahoma	Guthrie, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	L. H. Kerr	Enid	H. A. Herwig	Guthrie.
Ontario	Hamilton, Tuesday, August 5, 1919	Frank L. Wagner	Aylmer	John A. Macdonald	41 Macdonell Ave., Toronto.
Oregon	Salem, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	A. H. Knight	Canby	E. E. Sharon	226 Alder St., Portland.
Pennsylvania	Williamsport, Wednesday, October 15, 1919	Louis A. Jones	Mill Village	Edwin L. Ritter	1723 Arch St., Philadelphia.
Quebec	Montreal, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	James Norton	27 Artillery St., Quebec	W. Kennedy	33 Staynor Ave., Westmount.
Rhode Island	Providence, Wednesday, March 5, 1919	Sumner Mowry	Peacedale	Kirtland H. Wilson	86 Weybosset St., Providence.
Saskatchewan	Moose Jaw, Tuesday, June 3, 1919	M. H. Anderson	Swift Current	N. B. McInnis	2723 15th Ave., Regina.
South Carolina	——, Tuesday, May 14, 1918	Max Kehlhof	Charleston	F. C. Perry	1519 Bull St., Columbia.
South Dakota	Sioux Falls, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	J. R. Chase	Frederick	Harvey J. Rice	Huron.
Tennessee	Nashville, Monday, October 14, 1918	George E. Irish	Knoxville	John R. Harwell	Nashville.
Texas	Corsicana, Monday, October 13, 1919	F. R. Lawhon	Denison	E. Q. Vestal	316 N. Texas Bldg., Dallas.
Utah	Salt Lake City, Monday, April 14, 1919	E. H. Smith	Odd Fellows Temple, Salt Lake City	W. J. Moore	Box 1028, Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Burlington, Wednesday, May 14, 1919	John M. Jewell	Proctorsville	Gerry F. Walker	Bellows Falls.
Virginia	Richmond, Monday, May 12, 1919	Harry E. McCoy	Law Bldg., Norfolk	E. M. Bunch	Lynchburg.
Washington	Seattle, Monday, June 9, 1919	W. A. Jacko	Hoquiam	Geo. R. Chamberlin	710½ Pacific Ave., Tacoma.
West Virginia	Parkersburg, Wednesday, May 14, 1919	Ed. C. Ambrose	Marlinton	C. L. Simpson	1942 Eighth Ave., Huntington.
Wisconsin	Platteville, Tuesday, October 7, 1919	J. M. Ostrander	Mineral Point	Jas. A. Fathers	Janesville.
Wyoming	Basin, Tuesday, October 8, 1918	G. J. Schenk	Basin	Thomas Cottle	Green River.

REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES.

JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	PRESIDENT.	P. O. ADDRESS.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alabama	Birmingham, Tuesday, August 5, 1919	Mrs. Belle Rowell	2207 Ave. G., S. Birmingham	Mrs. May D. Brunson	110 S. Dearborn St., Mobile.
Alberta	Calgary, Monday, February 17, 1919	Mrs. Margaret Rose	537 B. Maple Ave., Medicine Hat	Mrs. A. Evelyn Rogers	1707 24th St. W., Calgary.
Arizona	Yuma, Monday, April 21, 1919	Mrs. Elizabeth Tappin	Clifton	Mrs. Nettie Scott	Phoenix.
Arkansas	Jonesboro, Tuesday, October 28, 1919	Mrs. Adelaide D. Horton	1800 Dodson Ave., Fort Smith	Mrs. Medora A. Reid	1123 W. 12th St., Little Rock.
Australasia					
New South Wales	Biennial, Sydney, Monday, April 21, 1919	Mrs. Beatrice C. Byron	Lower Bathurst St., Woollahra, Sydney	Mrs. Frances K. Tier	1 Heely St., Paddington, Sydney.
British Columbia	Vancouver, Tuesday, June 10, 1919	Mrs. Isabella C. MacLennan	1308 Edmonds St., Edmonds	Mrs. Frances A. Walker	3153 Delta St., Victoria.
California	San Francisco, Tuesday, May 13, 1919	Mrs. Laura M. Lawrie	656 E. Fifth St., Stockton	Mrs. Mary E. Donoho	7th & Market Sts., San Francisco.
Colorado	Ft. Collins, Tuesday, October 15, 1918	Maude E. Twombly	1043 Berkeley Ave., Pueblo	Miss Lily Irwin Lamont	318 Century Bldg., Denver.
Connecticut	Hartford, Wednesday, April 16, 1919	Mrs. Hattie M. Stickle	Newington Junction	Mrs. Mary E. Johnson	26 Alvord St., Torrington.
Delaware	Wilmington, Thursday, October 17, 1918	Mrs. Julia E. Douty	513 Taylor St., Wilmington	Mrs. Emma F. Buckley	5 E. 23d St., Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Washington, Tuesday, May 6, 1919	Mrs. Flora O. Schwinger	3012 18th St., N. E., Washington	Mrs. Henrietta Werner	740 Morton St. N. W., Washington.
Florida	Jacksonville, Tuesday, April 15, 1919	Mrs. Ivy Lane	Fort Pierce	Mrs. Nettie Robb Gunz	Gainesville.
Georgia	Atlanta, Wednesday, May 28, 1919	Mrs. Sarah Lee Tice	1916 Walton Way, Augusta	Mrs. M. C. Strickland	332 Luckie St., Atlanta.
Idaho	Boise, Monday, October 14, 1918	Mrs. Margaret F. Pomeroy	Pocatello	Mrs. Frances Crosson	Boise.
Illinois	Springfield, Wednesday, November 19, 1919	Mrs. Irena Cooper	237 Stuart Ave., Decatur	Mrs. Mae E. Crowell	1028 Ferguson St., Rockford.
Indiana	Indianapolis, Monday, May 19, 1919	Mrs. Rose Butner	Windfall	Mrs. Eva L. McDaniel	Shelbyville.
Iowa	——, ——, ——, —, —	Miss Georgia Quigley	20th & Center Sts., Des Moines	Miss S. E. Matheney	310 S. 12th St., Keokuk.
Kansas	Topeka, Wednesday, October 15, 1919	Mrs. Grace A. Rich	1220 Pattie Ave., Wichita	Mrs. Katie A. Horne	Manhattan.
Kentucky	Lexington, Wednesday, November 6, 1918	Mrs. Iolene Hawkins	Flemingsburg	Mrs. Corinne C. Graham	2029 Garland Ave., Louisville.

REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	PRESIDENT.	P. O. ADDRESS.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Louisiana	Crowley, Tuesday, March 11, 1919	Mrs. Pearl Watkins	Berwick	Mrs. Hattie C. Denison	Iowa.
Maine	Portland, Tuesday, October 14, 1919	Mrs. Valeria D. Merrill	18 Belmont St., Portland	Miss Grace E. Walton	Belfast.
Manitoba	Winnipeg, Wednesday, March 5, 1919	Mrs. T. E. Adams	Box 366, Dauphin	Mrs. D. M. McDonald	230 Simcoe St., Winnipeg.
Maritime Provinces	Moncton, N. B., Tuesday, August 12, 1919	Mrs. Phoebe Ellsworth	Woodstock, N. B.	Mrs. Mary McKean	North Sydney, N. S.
Maryland	Baltimore, Tuesday, April 1, 1919	Mrs. Margaret A. Curley	1508 W. Lexington St., Baltimore	Mrs. Susan Jones	706 N. Gilmor St., Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Springfield, Wednesday, May 7, 1919	Mrs. Gertrude Mae Riedell	9 Sheldon St., Roslindale	Mrs. Sarah A. Barry	9a Monument Sq., Charlestown.
Michigan	Detroit, Tuesday, October 21, 1919	Mrs. Emma Tobin	1199 Calumet Ave., Calumet	Mrs. Hannah Baillargeon	708 Kercheval Ave., Detroit.
Minnesota	Duluth, Thursday, June 12, 1919	Mrs. Emma Ames	Akeley	Miss Lucy Bolton	1508 Ashland Ave., St. Paul.
Mississippi	Meridian, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	Mrs. J. D. Varley	Jackson	Mrs. Hattie Adams	Vicksburg.
Missouri	St. Louis, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	Mrs. Edna L. Seyb	Kahoka	Mrs. Otillia M. Parker	1432 Blackstone Ave., St. Louis.
Montana	——, ——, ——, —, 1919	Mrs. Millie Wilder	Radersburg	Mrs. Nellie W. Neill	Helena.
Nebraska	Lincoln, Tuesday, October 15, 1918	Mrs. Iona Naylor	Chadron	Mrs. Emma L. Talbot	4506 S. 22nd St., Omaha.
Nevada	Reno, Tuesday, June 17, 1919	Mrs. Nathalia Brossemer	Eureka	Miss Lizzie R. Mudd	118 Island Ave., Reno.
New Hampshire	Manchester, Monday, October 13, 1919	Mrs. Kate K. Davis	Marlboro	Mrs. Martha L. Sargent	Woodsville.
New Jersey	Newark, Tuesday, October 7, 1919	Mrs. Caroline Gillett	26 Church St., Montclair	Miss Eva D. Van Dusen	P. O. Box 333, Manasquan.
New Mexico	Alamogordo, Tuesday, October 14, 1919	Mrs. Carrie Aleshire	Lake Arthur	Mrs. Mary E. Comstock	East Las Vegas.
New York	Rochester, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	Mrs. Nellie J. Meech	56 Hortense St., Rochester	Miss Agnes E. Rogers	731 Amsterdam Ave., New York City.
North Carolina	Wilmington, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	Mrs. Mabel Garrison	Wilmington	Miss Pattie E. Beck	Winston-Salem.
North Dakota	Fargo, Wednesday, June 4, 1919	Mrs. Annie Buckingham	Grand Forks	Mrs. D. W. Burrill	Towner.

REBEKAH ASSEMBLIES—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	ANNUAL SESSION.	PRESIDENT.	P. O. ADDRESS.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Ohio	Newark, Wednesday, May 14, 1919	Miss M. Jeannette Haley	105 E. College St., Alliance	Mrs. Emma M. Bell	392 W. Fourth Ave., Columbus.
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, Tuesday, October 7, 1919	Mrs. Minnie C. Stacy	Hobart	Mrs. Martha E. Reger	317 Commerce Bldg., Enid.
Ontario	Toronto, Tuesday, June 17, 1919	Mrs. Jessie Thompson	651 Church St., Toronto	Miss Violet Pearce	45 Highview Crescent, Toronto.
Oregon	Salem, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	Mrs. Jeanie Burke	Grants Pass	Mrs. Ora Cosper	Dallas.
Pennsylvania	Johnstown, Tuesday, May 20, 1919	Mrs. Minnie C. Akers	508 12th St., Altoona	Mrs. Hattie J. Ritter	1723 Arch St., Philadelphia.
Quebec	Montreal, Wednesday, May 21, 1919	Mrs. C. M. MacCrae	Box 88, Cookshire	Mrs. H. Spencer	Box 666, Sherbrooke.
Rhode Island	Providence, Thursday, April 10, 1919	Mrs. Ida M. Stackpole	11 Calla St., Providence	Mrs. Cora A. Aldrich	43 Violet St., Providence.
Saskatchewan	Moose Jaw, Wednesday, June 4, 1919	Mrs. May Reynolds	2409 Lorne St., Regina.	Mrs. Gertrude Anderson	2727 Retallack St., Regina.
South Carolina	——, Wednesday, May 14, 1919	.....	.....	S. F. Killingsworth	Columbia.
South Dakota	Sioux Falls, Wednesday, May 21, 1919	Mrs. Mabel Bertrand	Deadwood	Mrs. Hattie B. Borland	Madison.
Tennessee	Nashville, Tuesday, October 22, 1918	Mrs. Maud H. Watson	4610 St. Elmo Ave., Chattanooga	Miss Theresa A. Cramer	309 Raleigh Apts., Nashville.
Texas	Dallas, Monday, March 17, 1919	Mrs. Elizabeth J. Roth	2924 Ave. R., Galveston	Mrs. J. D. Alexander	Ave. E. & 6th St., Cisco.
Utah	Salt Lake City, Tuesday, April 16, 1918	Mrs. Lena Lehman	P. O. Box 136, Midvale	Mrs. Clara I. Moore	P. O. Box 1028, Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Burlington, Friday, May 16, 1919	Mrs. Clara W. Peterson	St. Johnsbury	Miss Emma H. Gates	Ludlow.
Virginia	Richmond, Tuesday, May 13, 1919	Mrs. Annie Gray	Blue Ridge Springs	Mrs. Ola L. Bunch	Lynchburg.
Washington	Seattle, Monday, June 9, 1919	Mrs. Kittie Mason	3803 Sherman St., Spokane	Mrs. Nellie M. Knoff	121 29th Ave., Seattle.
West Virginia	Parkersburg, Tuesday, October 8. 1918	Mrs. Anna B. Wolfe	Folsom	Miss Jennie W. Hutchinson	1707 Washington St., Charleston.
Wisconsin	Green Bay, Tuesday, June 3, 1919	Mrs. Dagmar Nielsen	906 N. Clermont St., Antigo	Mrs. Emoroy Perry	Rosendale.
Wyoming	Basin, Wednesday, October 9, 1919	Mrs. Mazie V. Rhodes	Basin	Mrs. Emma Sturgeon	Casper.

DEPARTMENT COUNCILS.

DEPARTMENT.	ANNUAL SESSION.	PRESIDENT.	P. O. ADDRESS.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
British Columbia	Vancouver, Monday, June 9, 1919	R. A. Perry	1587 8th Ave. West, Vancouver	W. H. Brown	1014 Eleventh Ave. W., Vancouver.
California	San Francisco, Tuesday, October 14, 1919	F. J. Walter	915 Virginia St., Vallejo	L. K. Talley	614 Marin St., Vallejo.
Colorado	——, ——, ——, ——, ——	H. J. Canis	Longmont	H. S. Gilbert	219 Van Buren St., Pueblo.
Connecticut	Waterbury, Saturday, June 14, 1919	George S. Doherty	143 Willow St., Waterbury	Wm. H. Lowe	83 E. Main St., Waterbury.
Idaho	——, Monday, October 20, 1919	George Harrigfeld	Ashton	August J. Moritz	Boise.
Illinois	Joliet, Monday, October 6, 1919	Joseph Fairhall	416 Baum Bldg., Danville	C. S. Johnson	115 W. Main St., Danville.
Indiana	Lafayette, Friday, April 25, 1919	Harry K. Landes	313 Odd Fellows Bldg., Indianapolis	A. L. McColloum	313 Odd Fellows Bldg., Indianapolis.
Iowa	Clark Lake, Thursday, August 1, 1918	A. O. Peterson	Estherville	I. C. Stanley	Estherville.
Kansas	Topeka, Monday, October 13, 1919	T. C. Frazier	Coffeyville	T. C. Harbourt	Coffeyville.
Maine	——, Tuesday, June 10, 1919	Will C. Miller	53 Bangor St., Augusta	Geo. W. Merrill	223 Water St., Augusta.
Maryland	Baltimore, Thursday, February 6, 1919	Theo. D. Schek	306 N. Carey St., Baltimore	A. Gilbert Isaac	36 N. Gilmor St., Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Springfield, Saturday, February 22, 1919	Daniel S. Knowles	West Somerville	Fred. E. Wetherbee	Winter Hill, Somerville.
Michigan	Pontiac, Monday, May 19, 1919	T. Calvert Crowe	Warren & Cass Ave., Detroit	Chas. T. Haven	Warren & Cass Aves., Detroit.
Minnesota	St. Paul, Tuesday, March 4, 1919	August Hohenstein	425 S. Robert St., St. Paul	Henry Reimers	661 McLean Ave., St. Paul.
Missouri	Springfield, Tuesday, October 7, 1919	Chas. B. Hall	Lamar	C. E. Rutherford	214 N. Garrison, Carthage.
Montana	Billings, Monday, October —, 1918	B. R. Streets	575 State St., Helena	Dean W. Selfridge	817 Colorado St., Butte.
Nebraska	Lincoln, Wednesday, October 16, 1918	C. M. Coffin	820 N. 16th St., Omaha	Benj. St. C. Don Neaud	820 N. 16th St., Omaha.
New Hampshire	Littleton, Tuesday, May 13, 1919	F. D. Holmes	Concord	Willis C. Patten	Manchester.
New Jersey	Newark, Tuesday, May 6, 1919	William C. Taylor	21 Ellis Ave., Irvington	John M. Blanch	221 Norfolk St., Newark.

DEPARTMENT COUNCILS—Continued.

DEPARTMENT.	ANNUAL SESSION.	PRESIDENT.	P. O. ADDRESS.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
New York	——, ——, —— —, ——	W. C. Gurney	432 Security Mutual Bldg., Binghamton	J. A. Rider	432 Security Mutual Bldg., Binghamton.
Ohio	Painesville, Monday, July 7, 1919	Fred. H. A. Hahn	520 Monroe St., Toledo	Fred. P. Hummel	526 E. River St., Elyria.
Oklahoma	Guthrie, Monday, May 19, 1919	A. T. Bernard	Cherokee	Fred. L. Strough	Weleetka.
Ontario	Toronto, Tuesday, June 17, 1919	G. M. Hermiston	18 Bloor St. West, Toronto	W. J. Foster	90 Hilton Ave., Toronto.
Oregon	Salem, Monday, May 19, 1919	H. M. Beckwith	587 E. Pine St., Portland	S. E. Watkins	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Williamsport, ——, October —, 1919	J. B. Andrews	217 11th Ave., Juniata	H. W. Hinds	1008 2nd Ave., Altoona.
South Dakota	Sioux Falls, Tuesday, May 13, 1919			L. W. Hunt	101 9th St., S. E., Aberdeen.
Texas	Corsicana, Monday, October 13, 1919	F. A. Howell	Fort Worth	W. R. McDill	Box 1256, Fort Worth.
Vermont	Burlington, Tuesday, May 13, 1919	W. E. Frost	221 North St., Bennington	Calvin Endress	Bennington.
Virginia	——, ——, —— —, ——	Chas. Pohlig	Richmond	Wm. A. Kidd	Richmond.
Washington	Seattle, Monday, June 2, 1919	Carl Koch	North 16 Wall St., Spokane	H. D. Merritt	N. 16 Wall St., Spokane.
West Virginia	Parkersburg, Wednesday, May 14, 1919	Frank A. Rowan	Elkins	S. Vandevender	Bowden.
Wisconsin	Marinette, Thursday, October 10, 1918	Burne Pollock	174 12th St., Milwaukee	W. Wilson Rees	Lancaster.

VETERAN ASSOCIATIONS.

JURISDICTION.	NAME.	PRESIDENT.	P. O. ADDRESS.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.	NO. MEMBERS
California	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of California	Chas. H. Wever	2322 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda	W. H. Barnes	I. O. O. F. Hall, San Francisco	327
	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Sacramento	L. B. Hinman	3022 35th St., Sacramento	Geo. Criswell	908½ K St., Sacramento	232
	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Humboldt Co.	A. Cottrell	Eureka	J. S. Burnell	601 Second St., Eureka	221
	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Los Angeles	C. E. Hartwell	3219 Royal St., Los Angeles	H. S. Brown	220½ S. Main St., Los Angeles	398
Connecticut	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Connecticut	David W. Boyd	Derby	Frank R. Upson	3 Center Place, Southington	1029
Indiana	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of New Albany	A. H. McQuiddy	New Albany	Jerome Dustin	Jeffersonville	.....
	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Indianapolis	Geo. W. Bone	Indianapolis	Lewis Q. Gustin	Indianapolis	.....
Manitoba	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Manitoba	R. H. Shanks	359 Assiniboine Ave., Winnipeg	John Simpson	63 St. James Place, Winnipeg	282
Massachusetts	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Massachusetts	Henry E. Ruggles	Franklin	Albert H. Lamson	50 Bromfield St., Boston	652
	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Worcester	David W. Tinsley	Fitchburg	Albert E. Newton	536 Main St., Worcester	309
Missouri	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Missouri	J. P. Rinkel	4526 Page Ave., St. Louis	M. D. Degge	301 I. O. O. F. Bldg., St. Louis	123
New York	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of New York	Samuel J. Pesoa	543 W. 146th St., New York City	Leonard Beasley	327 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn	291
	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Albany	Louis J. Rockwood	c/o Troy Orphan Asylum, Troy	William Wensley	90 Benson St., Albany	140
Ontario	Ontario Odd Fellow Veteran Association	William Wanty	32 D'Arcy St., Toronto	Wm. R. Pearce	820 Palmerston Ave., Toronto	153
Pennsylvania	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Pennsylvania	John T. Fisher	2432 Nicholas St., Philadelphia	William Douglass	330 N. 63d St., Philadelphia	380
Rhode Island	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Rhode Island	Daniel C. Grimwood	40 Daboll St., Providence	Charles E. Thurber	82 Calla St., Providence	296
Utah	Veteran Odd Fellow Association of Utah	A. C. Ewing	Walker Bank Bldg., Salt Lake City	W. J. Moore	Box 1028, Salt Lake City	57

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE SESSIONS, 1850-1918.

Session	Place of Meeting	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
1850	Cincinnati, Ohio	$6,413.72	$1,074.00	$7,487.72
1851	Baltimore, Maryland	6,417.30	1,662.00	8,079.30
1852	Baltimore, Maryland	6,224.50	1,632.00	7,856.50
1853	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	7,091.00	2,069.00	9,160.00
1854	Baltimore, Maryland	8,406.50	1,740.00	10,146.50
1855	Baltimore, Maryland	9,202.20	1,746.00	10,948.20
1856	Baltimore, Maryland	9,027.30	1,626.00	10,653.30
1857	Baltimore, Maryland	9,249.60	1,737.00	10,986.60
1858	Baltimore, Maryland	9,084.80	1,491.00	10,575.80
1859	Baltimore, Maryland	8,943.00	1,509.00	10,452.00
1860	Nashville, Tennessee	10,156.90	1,512.00	11,668.90
1861	Baltimore, Maryland	3,950.16	810.00	4,760.16
1862	Baltimore, Maryland	3,940.48	765.00	4,705.48
1863	Baltimore, Maryland	6,488.50	915.00	7,403.50
1864	Boston, Massachusetts ...	6,545.90	1,576.00	8,121.90
1865	Baltimore, Maryland	7,581.10	2,735.00	10,316.10
1866	Baltimore, Maryland	9,254.50	2,595.00	11,849.50
1867	New York City, New York.	10,792.20	3,984.00	14,776.20
1868	Baltimore, Maryland	11,136.70	4,008.00	15,144.70
1869	San Francisco, California.	12,416.60	5,166.00	17,582.60
1870	Baltimore, Maryland	9,836.40	4,332.00	14,168.40
1871	Chicago, Illinois	11,233.80	5,736.00	16,969.80
1872	Baltimore, Maryland	11,026.20	5,574.00	16,600.20
1873	Baltimore, Maryland	11,472.00	5,478.00	16,950.00
1874	Atlanta, Georgia	13,766.20	6,018.00	19,784.20
1875	Indianapolis, Indiana	12,005.00	6,318.00	18,323.00
1876	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	13,052.60	6,276.00	19,328.60
1877	Baltimore, Maryland	12,877.00	5,976.00	18,853.00
1878	Baltimore, Maryland	9,773.04	4,170.00	13,943.04
1879	Baltimore, Maryland	11,641.75	4,440.00	16,081.75
1880	Toronto, Ontario, Canada.	11,891.40	4,440.00	16,331.40
1881	Cincinnati, Ohio	10,589.25	4,560.00	15,149.25
1882	Baltimore, Maryland	14,743.98	4,485.00	19,228.98
1883	Providence, Rhode Island.	17,178.00	4,595.00	21,773.00
1884	Minneapolis, Minnesota ..	17,825.19	4,680.00	22,505.19
1885	Baltimore, Maryland	16,125.74	4,765.00	20,890.74
1886	Boston, Massachusetts ...	19,348.84	4,890.00	24,238.84

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Session	Place of Meeting	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
1887	Denver, Colorado	$23,190.80	$4,940.00	$28,130.80
1888	Los Angeles, California..	39,613.50	5,040.00	44,653.50
1889	Columbus, Ohio	14,883.00	5,070.00	19,953.00
1890	Topeka, Kansas	19,082.98	5,220.00	24,302.98
1891	St. Louis, Missouri	17,912.82	5,320.00	23,232.82
1892	Portland, Oregon	44,684.72	5,580.00	50,264.72
1893	Milwaukee, Wisconsin ...	19,936.94	5,670.00	25,606.94
1894	Chattanooga, Tennessee ..	21,668.56	5,715.00	27,383.56
1895	Atlantic City, New Jersey.	24,990.64	5,820.00	30,810.64
1896	Dallas, Texas	28,219.20	6,030.00	34,249.20
1897	Springfield, Illinois	19,913.36	5,930.00	25,843.36
1898	Boston, Massachusetts ...	27,879.60	6,150.00	34,029.60
1899	Detroit, Michigan	20,979.14	6,240.00	27,219.14
1900	Richmond, Virginia	24,355.27	6,145.00	30,500.27
1901	Indianapolis, Indiana	20,103.56	6,180.00	26,283.56
1902	Des Moines, Iowa	21,834.98	6,150.00	27,984.98
1903	Baltimore, Maryland	28,371.90	3,330.00	31,701.90
1904	San Francisco, California.	50,411.60	6,300.00	56,711.60
1905	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	24,147.48	6,390.00	30,537.48
1906	Toronto, Ontario, Canada.	24,946.05	6,360.00	31,306.05
1907	St. Paul, Minnesota	25,025.10	6,630.00	31,655.10
1908	Denver, Colorado	31,004.80	6,720.00	37,724.80
1909	Seattle, Washington	52,674.10	6,660.00	59,334.10
1910	Atlanta, Georgia	26,427.30	6,650.00	33,077.30
1911	Indianapolis, Indiana	21,574.50	6,630.00	28,204.50
1912	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.	31,809.10	6,450.00	38,259.10
1913	Minneapolis, Minnesota ..	24,724.20	6,540.00	31,264.20
1914	Atlantic City, New Jersey.	27,952.70	6,510.00	34,462.70
1915	San Francisco, California.	51,537.30	6,600.00	58,137.30
1916	Chattanooga, Tennessee ..	24,484.10	6,570.00	31,054.10
1917	Louisville, Kentucky	22,431.90	6,600.00	29,031.90
1918	St. Louis, Missouri	22,001.40	6,540.00	28,541.40

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Accountant's Receipt Books	1 50
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Certificates, Official, books of 100 each	1 00
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Chevalier's Rosters	2 50
Ciphers	50
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Commandant's Money Order Books	1 50
Commissions for Officers, retired	1 00
Commissions for Ensign	1 00
Commissions for Lieutenant	1 25
Commissions for Captain	1 50
Commissions for Major	2 00
Commissions for Lieutenant-Colonel	3 00
Commissions for Colonel	4 00
Commissions for Brigadier-General	5 00
Commissions for Major-General	6 00
Drill Regulations	1 00
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No. 1, Gold-plated and enamel	$15 00
No. 2, Gold-plated, enamel, with white sets in three links and eight in star	17 00
No. 3, Gold-plated, enamel, same as No. 2, with imitation sapphire and rubies in crook and handle	20 00
No. 4, 14-karat gold, same as No. 1	60 00
No. 5, 14-karat gold, same as No. 1, with three diamonds in links	85 00
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No. 8, Solid silver, gold-plated, with diamond	12 50
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No. 2, 10-karat gold	30 00
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Orders from Grand or Subordinate Bodies must be authenticated by the Seal of the Body.

☞*All orders for supplies should be sent through the Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes, Secretaries of Rebekah Assemblies, or Department Commanders, as the case may be, except those from Subordinates which are under the immediate jurisdiction of The Sovereign Grand Lodge.*

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Checks, etc., should be made payable to the order of JOHN B. GOODWIN, Grand Secretary.

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*Cards, Wife or Widow	15	25
*Cards, Visiting and Withdrawal	15	25
Cards, Non-Contributing Visiting	15	25
Cards, Non-Beneficial Visiting	15	25
*Ceremonies, Anniversary, Lodge and Rebekah	20	25
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*Jewels, Veteran	8 00	
*Jewels, Rebekah Veteran, plated	4 00	
*Jewels, Rebekah Veteran, 8-karat gold	10 00	
*Jewels, Rebekah Veteran, 10-karat gold	20 00	
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*Jewels, Rebekah Veteran, small size, 10-karat gold	7 00	
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*Jewels for D. D. G. Patriarchs and P. D. D. G. Patriarchs	4 50	
Jewels, D. D. G. Sire	12 50	
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*Jewels, D. D. President and P. D. D. President, 8-karat gold	10 00	
*Jewels, D. D. President and P. D. D. President, 10-karat gold	15 00	
*Jewels for Past President	45 00	
*Jewels, Past Grand Master	33 00	
*Jewels, Past Grand Patriarch	33 00	
*Jewels, Past Grand Representative	38 00	
*Jewels, Veteran Buttons	1 00	
*Odes, Anniversary, on Bristol Board	03	08
*Odes, Books with music, Lodge, Encampment and Rebekah	50	60
*Odes, Books of, with music, paper cover, for Encampments	08	10
*Odes, Books of, with music, flexible cloth cover, for Encampments	20	25
*Odes, Encampment, on Bristol Board	03	08
*Odes, Funeral, with Responses	03	08
*Odes, Rebekah	03	08
*Odes, Rebekah, with music, on Bristol Board	08	10
*Odes, Sub. Lodge	03	08
*Odes, Sub. Lodge, with music	08	10
*Prayers for Opening and Closing Lodges	03	08
*Petitions for Membership, per 100	50	75
*Question Books, 150 Questions, one to page	1 00	1 50
*Rituals, Sub. Lodge	2 00	2 50
*Rituals, Rebekah	2 00	2 50
*Rituals, Encampment	2 00	2 50
*Rituals, Rebekah Assembly, and Installation Ceremony	2 00	
Thought Links	10	10

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